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Walter Skomsky (l) and George Skomsky (r) February 1944

The following letters were written by Walter “Apples” Skomsky between January 13, 1944 and August 16, 1945. The letters were saved by his sister Mary and pasted into an album.

Walter was in the service from November 16, 1942 to November 17, 1945.

Walter’s parents and grand parents were immigrants from the Ukraine.

Walter was the 3rd of 4 children, his sisters and brother are mentioned frequently in his letters.

ANNA SKOMSKY, b. June 22, 1917

MARY SKOMSKY, b. May 03, 1920

WALTER SKOMSKY, b. April 23, 1922

GEORGE SKOMSKY, b. April 21, 1925

Unless otherwise noted all letters are addressed to:

Mr Mrs Daniel Skomsky

123 Perrine Street

Auburn, New York



"March 22, 1940 Graduation Picture Walter Skomsky 17 yrs. old"



1941 Walter Skomsky won the Auburn City championship at the age of 19.

Walter Jan 13, 1944 ...

Postmarked Philadelphia PA Feb 14, 1944
“Free” typed in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
Unit Supply Office
100th General Hospital
Fort Dix, New Jersey

[On USO Stationary]

1-13-44

Dear Folks:

Well I'm here back at camp, I arrived safely about 10 Friday night. There isn't much new here for it is the same old story and I am back on the old job. It is cold as heck down here even colder than it is up there I bet. Say how did those pictures come out that Geo & I took just for the heck of I'd like see one of them. I got a letter from Joe Tyhanic & as soon as I get thru writing this letter I'm going to drop him a line. Say I'm a little short of cash so how about sending me a little, how much depends on Pap but I'm almost broke now & it is only the 13th of the month. I am getting paid this month but that time is still a long way off.

Well I guess this is about all for now give my regards to all.

Your Son
“Walter”

[Note: there is a formal portrait of Apples and George that was taken when they were both taken home on furlough together in Feb 1944. It could be the one below.]



Walter Jan 13, 1944 ...

The following program was pasted in the album without any letter or description.

ARMY SERVICE FORCE
Headquarters 100th General Hospital
Tilton General Hospital

Fort Dix, New Jersey
18 January 1944

GENERAL ORDERS:
NUMBER 1

GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

1. Under the provisions of AR 600-66, the following names enlisted men, this organization, are awarded the Good Conduct Medal in recognition of exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity as enlisted men in the Army of the United States:

STAFF SERGEANT
Hilton H. Rosen 32617070

SERGEANTS
Robert H. Graham 20105448 Norman R. Sienert 16142311
Thomas J. Kelly 31073432 Harold R. Shaw 37251399

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE
Paul L. Bentrup 37373036 Louis F. Dabois 33291302
Alfred A. Orato 6813407

CORPORALS
John E. Riordan 31223645 Francis L. Townsend 34749645
Sandy J. Tomasetti 33360936 Edgar H. White 34666221

TECHNICIAN FIFTH GRADE
Norman V. Boys 39194967 Lesley F. Hansen 34293030
Francis J. Butler 37088361 Seymour Hilewitz 22420417
Irving L. Burness 31252043 James W. Mahon 35515724
Albert E. Cifelli 32439907 Clare D. Pettit 37446567
Benjamin Dean 33306802 Alexander Sampson 32430866
Paul Feinberg 12160960 Walter Seamusy 32547153
Theodore H. Gerdes 15307753 Verna T. Smith 39117441
John W. Thomas 31197043

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Joseph A. Fusca 32491182 Eugene L. Johnson 35359325
Charles H. Gerner 33454736 Richard H. Rodney 3927720
Bernard M. Gittelman 32652624 Irving J. Pearlson 32656537
Lawrence T. Reed 35562870

PRIVATE
Roy L. Donaldson 14140904 John F. Keller 32518737
George W. Alexander 35769977

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Walter JAN 19, 1944 ...

No Postmark, "Free" written in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
Unit Supply Office
100th General Hospital
Fort Dix, New Jersey

Jan. 19, 1944
Ft. Dix, N.J.

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again & yes from the same old place good old Ft. Dix. I see you got a letter from our Colonel he sure thinks of everything doesn't he, an believe you me he's a swell fellow. I got Mary's letter a few days ago so I have it right in front of me answering it. I see where Primo was home on furlo boy I bet he slung a lot of crap around there, am I right? By the way what the hell is Marion trying to do work herself into a nervous breakdown tell her to take it easy there's more money in the world than she could ever make so why try to make it all. I got a picture of Geo. he sure did come out swell you know I never knew I had such a good looking brother its too bad I didn't look like him. Damn it. I haven't heard anything more about my furlo maybe they forgot about it but surer than hell I remind them of it a real soon too. I sure hope that Geo gets into the air corp for I never did think too much of that Anti-Aircraft, its all right but there are a hell of a lot better out-fits. Yes the medics is one of them at least what I'm doing better than those bivouacs he has to go on. It was too bad B. Androska got washed out as a pilot but maybe he can make the grade in something else as least I hope so. So one of the Mumicka girls got her self engaged it sure did surprise me for I (thought) the 2 older ones were going to be old maids surer than hell, by the way how the hell is Bugsy? Yes I wrote J. Warobick a letter about a week ago he sure is a card, isn't he or don't you know him that well?

It snowed down her for the first time Saturday but today the sun came up & it sure is sloppy out that's why I'm in tonite writing letters. I sure did enjoy reading the Diesel News, good old Butz in Hollywood who ever thought that he would end up in the movies but I always did say he looked like Oscar the Rabbitt, a possible sub-situte, don't you think? S. Loddie was rejected I didn't know what to say about that but they'll grab him sooner or later now you can place your bets Pat. W or him. New York is quite a place you should visit it, it is really quite a place, I haven't as yet gone up to Newark to see Aunt Mary but who don't you all come down to visit her & I will go up there to visit you all. I expect to be home soon for my furlo but why don't you wait till after my furlo?

Well I guess this is about all for now for I'm getting sort of tired so I guess I'll get to bed (10:15).

Your son
Walter

p.s. tell Mommie to watch the chain or they will pick it up for the scrap drive and the dog for the meat shortage.

Walter ~ JAN 21, 1944 ...

Postmarked Trenton NJ Jan 22, 1944 3pm
"Free" typed in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
Unit Supply Office
100th General Hospital
Fort Dix, New Jersey

(This letter is typed)

Dear Folks:

I received Anne's letter to-day and sure was glad to hear from home. Well I am getting my furlo starting the 29th Of this month, right now I'm almost broke so you have to send me about 15\$ for me to get home on. It sure is a hell of a time to start a furlo just two days before pay-day but who can say when you want a furlo to start. I am going to

try to start on the 1st of this month I am going to see the company commander sometime next week so I can start on pay-day but I doubt it very much if they will let me do that. There is not much new here beside that for it is about the same old story.

Whey you get this letter write geo and tell him that I will be home on furlo starting on the 29th and ask him if it would be possible for him to come home on the same time, will you? I don't know how long the furlo will be for they are giving out 10 days now but I wonder how long they will keep it up. Who ever told you that several station hospital s it is the first time I ever heard that baloney, of course it might happen but it isn't likely. Just to prove my point you don't think for one minute they they spend so much time training a Gen. Hospital what to do and then break them up when they go over seas, don't be sillish.

Well that does it for now, so long ("Walter" is hand written over these periods)

YOUR SONNY BOY

Walter ~ JAN 23, 1944 ...

No Postmark, corner of envelope cut off
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
Unit Supply Office
100th General Hospital
Fort Dix, New Jersey

(This letter is typed)

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again dropping you line from good old Fort Dix, there isn't much new here for it is about the same old story. Well I went in and saw the Company Commander and he changed my furlo for me from the 30 of this month to start the 1 st of February the day after pay-day, it was pretty swell of him I must say. I have Ann's letter right in front of me so I will answer it. Say there sister I see my old buddie Charles Consree dropped you a line, you always kept bothering me about fixing you up with a nice Lt. So Charlie being my boy told him to drop you a line, he really is a swell fellow, boy I sure wish that I could see him. I see our Colonel also wrote home boy that guy sure things of everything and he to sure is a swell fellow. Oh that nurses from Baltimore sure is a card she writes me everyday and gives me the dope on what she does in work and a lot of other stuff, shes pretty as hell to, she sent me a picture of herself and I have it put in my barracks bag with the other pictures, yes yours too. I got a letter to-day from George and from what he tells me he doesn't expect his pass while I am home or on the week end of the 5-6 when I will be home on furlo. If everything goes all-right I expect to be home sometime this coming Monday nite or possible early Tuesday morning, I will be home for 10 days until the 11 and again if everything goes all right. Well that about answers Anne's letter so her goes Mary's.

Say I sure hope that Ozzie is home on furlo the same time that I am for I haven't seen him for quite some time, only if the rest of the boys could be home too. There sure are quite a few boys home on furlo right now aren't there I only hope that a few of them stay for a xxxxxx while I am home for I know it will get pretty lonesome if there is no

one to hang around with. Well I can't think of anymore stuff to answer your letter with for it seems that all of your other stuff I have read in the paper. I went to Philadelphia this past week-end I had a pretty good time just jamming around and taking in the USO's out there. Say forget that trip that you had planned to take to see Aunt Mary in Newark for I will be home just a few days after you receive this letter (I hope) and there is now use of you coming down this way without seeing me (Am I kidding). There is a non-commissioned officers club meeting going on right now that is where I should be now but the hell with it is nothing but a lot of baloney anyhow, I got too much letter writing to do.

Well I guess that I shall call this quits, for I'm tired and I want to go to bed.

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N G _____ ("Your Son Walter" is hand

written above the line.)

Walter Feb 2, 1944 ...

Western Union Telegram 1944 Feb 2 PM 7 40

SYD73 11=TDSAU WELL FELEET MASS 2 503P
CPL WALTER SKONSKY=
123 PERRINE ST

AM UP FOR FURLOUGH FEB 7 HOPING TO SEE YOU THEN=
GEORGE.

Walter Feb 17, 1944 ...

No Postmark, corner of envelope cut off

Cpl. W. Skonsky 32547153

Unit Supply Office

100th General Hospital

Fort Dix, New Jersey

Feb. 17, 1944

Dear folks:

Received Anne's letter today it's about time some one wrote I thought that you had forgotten all about me. So Geo. left already well I just hope that he enjoyed his furlo as much as I did. I sure did have a good time. Mommie shouldn't cry, George is big enough to take care of himself and as for me, so am I. Pop sure is a beaut I sure would like to have just ½ of what he is going to pay for income tax. Yes I got back here in good shape but right now I haven't got a dime to my name and it is still a long way to pay day so how about sending me about \$20. There is something that I want to buy for my own personal use so please send it to me will you, if necessary cash in one of my bonds then send me the dough. I still am anxious a shell to see those pictures I'll bet that they sure are a beaut. I'm glad that you sent me Teddy & Happy's [Joe? Hulick] address I'm going

to write them as soon as I get thru with this one. I'm glad that Butts [Butra] is getting along good, all the Uke fellows do when they go away from home. I guess nearly all of them are brought up right. When I left I asked Geo. for one buck for my bus fare to Syracuse, no I wasn't broke but had a \$5 bill in my jacket & didn't want to break it. After I took the dough I found out I had take 2 instead of one but I didn't mean it & as soon I get some dough I'll send it to him.

\$ Don't forget \$

Your Son
Walter

p.s. yes I still get the Citizen

[Note: Auburn Citizen newspaper]

Walter Feb 27, 1944 ...

No Postmark
"Free" typed in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
Unit Supply Office
100th General Hospital
Fort Dix, New Jersey

Feb. 27, 1944

Hi Folks:

Well here I am again, yesterday I shipped a box of stuff my personal belongings home maybe Pop could make use of them. They tell us that we won't need them so I sent them home. I am also sending a power of attorney home and also a will I don't know what the hell I need them for but please have them signed & sent back. The fellow typing out the will made a mistake & put Miss Ann instead of Mrs. Anna on the will but what the hell is the difference I aint got nothing anyway so I let it go at that, however if you do want me to change it to Ma's name I will. I also made out a allotment from \$35 a month to be sent home starting April 1 st, Pop always did squawk about money so starting in April he could have all of it if he wants it. There will be about \$50 a month I'll send home starting in April any one in the family could have any part of it but there is one thing that I want you to do send Geo a few bucks every now and then out of that will you?

I hope you don't think I'm mean in writing the way I am but I know were going so why try to avoid the subject. I'll write on the papers what you have got sign so you wont be in doubt.

Well folks I guess that this is about all for now I'll write again very soon.

Your Son
"Walter"

Walter Mar 7, 1944 ...

[This letter is typed and has a different type in the underlined portions]

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, That I Walter (NMI) Skomsky TEC 5
(Rank) MD (Br. Of Service, ASN 32547153) have made, constituted and appointed,
and by these preset do make, constitute and appoint MISS ANN SKOMSKY of 123
Perrine St. Auburn NY my true and lawful attorney in fact, for me in my name, place and
stead, and to use, to sell or to buy, to encumber or hypothecate, to contract loans, to
transfer titles to any or all property which I may own or hereafter acquire, hereby giving
and granting unto my said attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform all
and every act and thing whatsoever requisite and necessary to be done in the premises,
as fully to all intents and purposes as I might or could do if personally present, with full
power of substitution and revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that my said
attorney or her substitute shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue herof.

IN WITNESS WHERE OF, I have here unto set my had and seal this 24th day of
February 194 ..4.

Walter Skomsky (Seal) [signed not typed]

Singed, Sealed and Delivered

In the presence of

ARLIE G. SUITS, 2nd Lt. MAC. Personnel Officer

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

PARISH OF

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 24th day of February 194 ..4. before me, an
office duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgements, personally
appeared Walter Skomsky who I am satisfied is the grantor in the within Power of
Attorney named; having first made known to him the contests thereof, he did
acknowledge that he signed and sealed the same as his voluntary act and deed, for the
sues and purposes therein expressed.

ARLIE G. SUITS.....[signed not typed]

ARLIE G. SUITS

2 ND Lt., MED ADM C

PERSONNEL OFFICER

[the following is written in pencil at the bottom] Keep this copy do not send it back.

[this letter is typed except the signature]

No Postmark

Walter Mar 7, 1944 ...

“Free” typed in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
Unit Supply Office
100th General Hospital
Fort Dix, New Jersey

7 March, 1944

Dear Folks:

I arrived safely here in camp about 10:00 Sunday nite and much to my surprise I found all the fellows here in camp for they were all restricted and couldn't go anywhere. The restriction started about 7 o'clock the Friday nite that I left so you see I was pretty lucky. There is not much new here for it is about the same old story. I don't know whether or not George got back to camp for when the train left he was getting a shoe shine, and I was in such a hurry to catch the train I forgot all about him. There isn't much doing here right now so I'm taking out a little time to write you all a letter. Right now it is raining cats and dogs out and this is one time that I'm glad I have a job that is a inside one. I don't know for sure yet as to whether or not we could get out this weekend, by the looks of it I don't think so, but you never can tell.

Say Mary don't forget to tell me when someone I know comes down her to Ft. Dix for you know the reception is just across the lot from where we stay., and I would go over and pull my rank on some of them. Most of the outfit is out having their pictures taken but me here I stay waiting for some of the boys to come back from the warehouse so I could find something to do. I got a letter from Charlie Cosgrove today and right now he is in the same place that Mike Brokaw is and they are taking up the same thing together, what it is I do not know but your wouldn't understand what it was if I did tell you, so what is the use? Were there isn't much more than I can say for the present so I think that I shall close for now, I'll write again soon,

Your Son, Walter Skomsky [name is signed in pen]

[Walter's sister Mary worked for the draft board in Auburn or Weedsport]

Walter Mar 16, 1944 ...

No Postmark, “Free” written in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
U.S. Army
Fort Dix, New Jersey

March 16, 1944

Dear folks:

Well I'm stall here at Ft. Dix and by the time you receive this letter I don't know where the hell I will be. I received the picture today & boy to say the least it sure did come out pretty good didn't it. Say how big was the picture that you had made for the house was it a exceptionally big one or was it just another 8x10? Where the hell is Geo now or don't you know I got a card from him with A.P.O. no. on it did you get one too?

Yesterday while I was easting chow my front tooth broke but I didn't waste any time & went to the dentists yesterday so today I got a new front tooth. The last one cost me \$20 and I had to wait 2 weeks for it but this one didn't cost me a thing and I had to wait much less time, pretty good if I say so myself.

Some time in the future you will get a card with my new address when you do will you immediately answer it and just about \$10 in it? Don't worry I will get it and besides I do need the money very badly, see what you can do will you sister.

Well folks I guess that this is about all for now, don't forget what I told you about the above mentioned few I will greatly appreciate it.

Your Son
"Walter"

Don't send the money till you get that card with my new address on it.

Walter ~Mar 1944 ...

[the change of address card is the next correspondence in the album. There are no dates or postmarks]

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

— (Sufficient cards will be distributed to each soldier when his mail address is changed to permit him to send one to each of his regular correspondents and publishers.)

Date _____, 194__

This is to advise you that my correct address now is—

Cpl. Walter Skomsky 32547153
(Grade) (Name) (Army Serial No.)

100th Gen Hosp. _____
(Company or comparable unit) (Regiment or comparable unit)

APO No. 9826 % Postmaster NEW YORK, N.Y.
(Strike out if not applicable) (Name of post office)

Signature Walter Skomsky

NOTE.—Newspapers and magazines may need your old address for correct processing.
My old address was _____

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 204* (1 November 1943)
*This form supersedes W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 204, 8 April 1943, which may be used until existing stocks are exhausted.

16-32987-2 GPO

Walter Mar 29, 1944 ...

No Postmark
"Free" typed in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 9826 % Postmaster

New York, New York

[This letter is on "United States Army" stationary

March 29, 1944

Dear Folks:

Receive Anne's letter of the 25th so here is one in return. Everything here is OK, yes even my financial status. Yes I got every cent that you all sent me so you don't have to worry about that. Thanks for every cent that sent to me and I will pay it back, someday.

George wrote me a letter, he sure has been pushed around hasn't he, well he'll get used to it sooner or later if he hasn't already. Say do you mean by telling me to write, I first wrote a V.mail about 3 days ago, didn't you get it? We had our pictures taken yesterday I ordered one and it is going to be sent home COD, OK cost \$1, add that to my debt will you. You never can tell maybe I will be seeing Teddy, wouldn't it be swell if I did meet up with him.

Well folks I guess that this is about all for now Write soon, till then Bye

Your Son

"Walter"

Walter ~Apr 1944 ...

[This letter is on V-Mail stationary but is in original paper form]

"Free" typed in the corner
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 9826 % Postmaster
New York City, New York

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written sooner but we sure are busy out here and I have really had very little time for letter writing. At the present time we are some where on the eastern coast and we expect to move sometime in the future . Where is George now, I did receive his card with his APO number on it and then you tell me he is back at Camp Edwards, do you know his present address, if so please sent it to me. Everything here with me is OK and I am feeling fine. I got another short haircut and it sure is a piper I think that it is about the shortest one that I ever got. This is the first letter that I have written in quite a while especially to home. How about George does he write home often. Oh Anne by the way do not order the Citizen for me, I am still getting them now but I don't want it any more. I received Mary's letter a few days ago how the heck is she anyway & which one of you is telling Anne G. that I was home a month ago & I didn't go down to see her, she wrote me a letter & wants to know why I didn't go down, make up a good excuse for me will you Anne?

Well I guess this is about all for now, Bye now.

Your Son

"Walter"

Walter Apr 18, 1944 ...

[Hand written in the album above this telegram "Somewhere in England"]

Western Union Telegram

SYD40 INTL=AMFUMU VIA W U CABLES (71 16 29) APR 18
EFM MRS ANNA SKOMSKY=
123 PERRINE ST AU=

=ALL WELL AND SAFE. WRITING LOVE=
=WALTER SKOMSKY.

Walter Apr 18, 1944 ...

[This is written on "United States Army" Stationary]

Postmarked U.S. Postal Service A.P.O. April 21, 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 9826 % Postmaster
New York City, New York

April 18, 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again got a few minutes to spare so I thought that I would drop you all a line. How is everything at home, just fine I presume. I am feeling fine but sure am puzzled on what is English money is all about. They have so many coins it is not even funny, you could have a whole pocket full yet not have 50c in American money.

Does George come home as much as he used to or has he been transferred to some other camp? Say Anne how about sending me some airmail stamps (6c ones) or better yet some air mail envelopes with the stamps already printed on the sure would come in handy. I haven't tried to buy any here but I imagine that they are as scarce as hen's teeth and probably if they do have them you could only get so many.

Well I really don't know what else to say so I guess that I'll close for now.

Your Son
Walter

Walter ~Apr 29, 1944 ...

[This V-mail had 3 pages from 2 letters in one envelope]

Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 April 29, 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 9826

Dear Folks:

I know this is the first letter that you have received from me in quite a while but it really couldn't of been helped. I know they you must of have been worried about me but I assure you it won't happen again. I hope. Well as you probably know by that cable-gram that I am somewhere in the British Isles. I got my last Citizen Advertiser paper aboard ship and it sure was good to read. I was just wondering if I will get it while I'm here. Find out for me will you, Anne?

Well how is everything at home, well I hope, and also that dog of ours. By the way where is George now is he still at Edwards? Maybe one of these days I'll run across someone from the old burg who knows there are enough of them here. I'd give anything to run across Teddy, I'd bet he sure would be surprised as a matter of fact I think that the minute I finish this letter I'm going to write him. I don't know when we shall have mail call but it won't be too soon for me for I haven't got any letters in quite a while now.

Well I guess that this is about all for now I shall write again very soon but till then, So Long.

Your Son
Walter

Dear Folks:

Receive Anne's letter of the 10 th and it sure was good to hear from you all. I'm feeling fine here's hoping you all are too. The weather sure is nice here and if it was like this back home I would be out swinging my golf clubs getting ready to get in shape. I wrote Teddy a letter about a week ago but as yet I haven't received an answer. As yet I haven't received any letter from Geo by the way is he still up at Camp Edwards or has he been transferred? Well by the time you get this letter I should have had my birthday never mind sending me anything but those air mail envelopes that I asked for in my last letter. The food here is very good and to tell you the truth I really am surprised that it is so good. I see where Anne wants to go to Sampson [Sampson Naval base in Geneva NY] to work well I think she is very foolish if she does go, that is my opinion Say Anne you mentioned a victory bike what the heck is one anyway and what makes it different from a regular bike. Well this is about all for now will write a letter later.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 29, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 May 7, 1944 4 - PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 515 % P.M.
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
29 April 1944

Dear Folks:

Received your first letter (the big one) today and I sure was glad to hear from you all. Was glad to hear that you got my telegram for I thought that it was the best thing to do. Regarding the boat ride, I did enjoy it, no seasickness & spent Easter Sunday of 1944

[4 words were blacked out. Censored?] . Also got a letter today from al Bayus. I see where he made the grade, good for him. There's not much new here for I just wrote you a few days ago. I'm still in very good health it must be the weather. I still haven't received a answer from Teddy but expect to any day now. I see where the old boy is still always complaining about something oh well I guess that he'll never change. Thanks for giving Butts my address change I sure would like to hear from him. That's all.

Bye now – Son - Walt

Walter May 3, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked U.S. Army Postal Service May 15, 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 515 % Post Master
New York, New York

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND
May 3, 1944

Dear Folks:

Received two letters from you all today & sure was glad to get them. Was glad to know that Geo was able to get home for Easter I sure would of liked to have been there but I guess it was just a little bit impossible. Listen that \$35.00 allotment started the 1 st of April so you should of gotten it, if you didn't let me know & I will find out the story on it. By this time you should have received another \$50 bond which I got threw paying for in April. Now from (April 1 st) now on you should receive \$35 a month allotment & also one \$25 bond a month & I sure hope that you are getting them both. Tell some one to start a savings account for me & let that add up, will you & form time to time keep me posted on just how much I have in all, for some day I sure am going to have some fun with that dough. Don't worry I don't need any money for if I did I'd write home any way now I'll be a little more careful for it is all my dough that I'm spending.

As yet I even hadn't heard from Teddy & I sent him a letter the first day I got here, seems funny can't understand it.

Well I played golf here the other day & it sure was good to be out there just like old times, I didn't play too well but I did enjoy myself.

I really don't know what else to say except the I feel fine and everything here isn't too bad but I would much rather be home.

Well I guess I'll close now but will write again very soon.

Bye now.
Your Son
Walter

p.s. Your trademark sure is a card but it's original anyways

Walter May 5, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 3 May 15, 1944 2:30 PM

32547153

Cpl. W. Skomsky
100th General Hospital
APO 9826 , %P.M.
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
5 May 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again writing from good merry England. How is everyone at home just fine I hope. I'm feeling fine and am right in shape. Here it is May already boy time sure does go fast. Say Anne how about sending me \$30 of my own for I have a few debts I want to pay and I don't draw very much money per month. When you do send the dough send it in registered mail, will you, for I think that is much safer of me getting it.

I was supposed to play golf today bit I never saw such a miserable day, you know a drizzling rain & pretty cold. I see where Geo. is now down in the Carolinas how does he like it or haven't you heard from him yet either? I am still on my same job with my old reliable typewriter. As yet I still haven't heard from Teddy I cant understand it or else something happened to the letters.

Well that's all for now, please don't forget me plea \$20.

Your Son
Walter

V-Mail (reference from the Postal Museum at
http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibits/2d2a_vmail.html



V, or Victory mail, was a valuable tool for the military during World War II. The process, which originated in England, was the microfilming of specially designed letter sheets. Instead of using valuable cargo space to ship whole letters overseas, microfilmed copies were sent in their stead and then "blown up" at an overseas destination before being delivered to military personnel.

V-mail ensured that thousands of tons of shipping space could be reserved for war materials. The 37 mail bags required to carry 150,000 one-page letters could be replaced by a single mail sack. The weight of that same amount of mail was reduced dramatically from 2,575 pounds to a mere 45. The blue-striped cardboard containers held V-mail letter forms.

The system of microfilming letters was based on the use of special V-mail letter-sheets, which were a combination of letter and envelope. The letter-sheets were constructed and gummed so as to fold into a uniform and distinctively marked envelope. The user wrote the message in the limited space provided, added the name and address of the recipient, folded the form, affixed postage, if necessary, and mailed the letter. V-mail correspondence was then reduced to thumb-nail size on microfilm. The rolls of film were

sent to prescribed destinations for developing at a receiving station near the addressee. Finally, individual facsimiles of the letter-sheets were reproduced about one-quarter the original size and the miniature mail was then delivered to the addressee.

The first large Army operated V-mail station overseas was opened on April 15, 1943 at Casablanca, North Africa. Hastily set up in a field following the Allied invasion of North Africa, this makeshift station continued to operate until September 15, 1943. Between June 15, 1942 and April 1, 1945, 556,513,795 pieces of V-mail were sent from the U.S. to military post offices and over 510 million pieces were received from military personnel abroad. In spite of the patriotic draw of V-mail, most people still sent regular first class mail. In 1944, for instance, Navy personnel received 38 million pieces of V-mail, but over 272 million pieces of regular first class mail.

Walter May 6, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 May 6, 1944 4 - PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 515 % P.M.
New York, New York

[Letter is stamped APR 28 1944 also stamped with a crest that says "FROM Fanny Farmer CANDY SHOP #8 119 Genesee St. near Clark AUBURN NEW YORK"]

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again but as yet I have only received one letter from you all and that was mailed on the 5th of April. I am feeling just fine and hope you all are too. How is every one and everything at home, yes even Clipper. I as yet haven't received a letter from George tell him to get on the ball and drop me a line will you? It certainly is a beautiful day out just like back there and I know damn well where I'd be if I was there. I see they sure are cleaning out the town by the way have they ever changed Pat's classification, he sure must be sort of lonesome or doesn't he mind it. Say what is the matter with Mary she never writes or anything & right now I really could use a box of Fanny Farmer that she used to me for it sure is hard to get here.

Well I guess I'll close for now.

Your Son
Walter

Walter May 8, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 May 8, 1944 4 - PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 515 % P.M.
New York, New York

(Somewhere in England)

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again but still no letter from home. Oh well I guess that I'll just have to wait. Everything isn't too bad out here considering how long this country has been in the war. The food here is very good even better at times than we had in the states. I weighed myself the other day & I weigh 14 stone 9 figure it out will you that is of course if you want to know. Well how is everything at home did Pop buy that new house yet? I know I shouldn't have asked that for I know the answer but it takes up a little of this writing room anyway. Whereabouts is Geo now still at Edwards?

I guess this is all for now, time for chow.

Bye now

Your Son

Walter

Walter May 8, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 May 15, 1944 12 - M
Cpl. Walt. Skomsky
100th General Hospital
APO 515, % P.M.
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
8 May 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again writing from good old England. I have a few minutes to spare so I thought that I'd drop you all a line. I'm feeling fine and only hope that everything is the same there. I played golf again all of yesterday afternoon and I sure did enjoy myself even though I didn't play too well. I finally got a letter from Teddy yesterday and it sure was good to hear from him. He isn't located too far from me and maybe someday in the future I will run into him. I sure hope you will send me what I asked for in my last letter you know that cash for I sure do need it to pay a few of my debts. Well folks I guess this is all for now I'll write again soon & meanwhile don't forget my plea.

Your Son

Walter

Walter May 12, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 May 19, 1944 9 AM
32547153
Cpl. W. Skomsky
100th General Hospital
APO 9826 % P.M.
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
12 May 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but we sure were busy. Well how is everything there & everything here is just fine and I never felt better. Did I tell you that I got a letter from Teddy and that he is in [blocked out by censor], as yet I don't even know where it is for I haven't looked on a map. Say Anne how about getting some one to get me about 12 golf balls for I have a chance of playing golf here but no one has any balls so I can't play., see what you can do for me will you, if as even ask Mr. Leary I'm sure he would dig some up, they don't have to be new just 12 any old kind. I sure hope by this time that dough that I asked for is on its way for I sure could use it. Well I guess that this is about all for now, give my regards to everyone will you, till next time.

Your Son
Walter

Walter May 13, 1944 ...

Western Union Telegram 1944 MAY 13 AM 10 23

SYA77 INTL=N SANSORIGIN VIA WU (157 71 31)
EFM MRS ANNA SKOMSKY=
123 PERRINE ST AU=

MY LOVE AND GREETINGS ON MOTHERS DAY. ALL WELL AND SAFE.
ALL MY LOVE=
WALTER SKOMSKY.

Walter May 17, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 508 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
17 – May – 1944

Hello Folks:

Well here I am again, am feeling fine and hope that you are the same. By the way what's new up that way give me the low down on it all. Cancel my Citizen for me will you for I have no great need for it here. It sure is raining like the devil here, you know it sure rains here nearly all of the time. How is the family and Pop & Mom especially. Say don't forget my dough \$30, and golf balls for I sure would like to have them both. I really don't know what else to write about except that of this date I haven't received those

envelopes that you sent me, but don't worry I'll get them. Well folks I guess that this is about all for now so I'll close until next time.

Your Son
Walt

P.S. Don't forget.

Walter May 20, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 12, 1944 12 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
New York, N.Y.

Somewhere in England
20 May, 1944

Dear Folks:

I'm feeling fine so don't worry about me for I know which you are you are doing. I received 2 letters this afternoon one from Anne and one from Mary. I sure was glad to hear from both. The only thing I want now is that dough and some golf balls which I asked for so many times before. There is nothing new here for it is all about the same old story. The weather here sure is cold fro this time of the year but it isn't too bad. Another thing that I could use is some Vasoline Hair tonic. I sure could use a few bottles of that but don't send anything but that. I really don't know what else to write about; don't forget to cancel the Citizen paper for me for it doesn't pay to have it sent here. That's all for now

Your Son
Walter

Walter May 24, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 21 1944 10-A
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 508 %PM
New York, NY

Somewhere in England
24 May 1944

Dear Folks:

Received Mary's letter yesterday and Anne's letter today and it sure was good to hear from home. At the present time I'm just feeling fine but am a little tired for I just got thru playing ball. I haven't received that air mail stationary as yet but I hope to real soon. As of my last letter please send me about 6 bottles of Vaseline hair tonic for you can't get them over here and I do need them. Yes I've been getting the Citizen occasionally but do not order it for me again for it isn't worth it. O.K. The weather here sure is nice just like back there. So far I've just received only one letter from Geo. Is he still down in North Carolina. Well I guess that this is about all for now so I'll close please don't worry.

Your Son
Walter

WALTER [signed not typed]

Walter May 27, 1944 ...

[Written on Vmail stationary. It is type written and all in caps]

CPL WALTER SKOMSKY 32547153
100 TH GENERAL HOSPITAL
A.P.O. 508 C/O POSTMASTER
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND
27 MAY 1944

DEAR FOLKS:

WELL HERE I AM AGAIN REPORTING AGAIN FROM MERRY OLD ENGLAND AND HOW MAY EVERYTHING BE WITH YOU ALL? THER EIS NOTHING NEW HERE FOR IT IS ALL THE SAME OLD STORY. I WENT OUT THE OTHER DAY, I DIDN'T DO MUCH AND I REALLY DID WANT TO GO TO THE SHOW, DO YOU KNOW WHAT WAS PLAYING "MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY" AND THE MORE MODERN SHOWS LIKE "THIS IS THE ARMY", WELL LET ME TELL YO SOMETHING THIS PLACE IS CERTAINLY UP ON THE SHOWS. I AM STILL AT MY SAME OLD JOB AND BY THIS TIME I SHOULD BE GETTING USED TO IT, ONLY OVER HERE I HAVE A MUCH BETTER TYPEWRITER DON'T YOU THINK SO ANNE, I KNOW I'D NEVER TRADE THIS ONE FOR ONE THAT YOU HAVE UP IN YOUR OFFICE. SAY I MADE A MISTAKE IN TELLING YOU HOW MUCH I WEIGHED IT ISN'T 14 STONES 9 BUT 12 STONES 9, IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE BUT I THOUGHT I WOULD JUST KEEP IT STRAIGHT. TODAY IS ONE OF THE NICEST DAYS THAT WE HAVE HAD IN QUITE A WHILE, AT LEAST IT IS THE WARMEST CLIMATE I'VE BEEN IN SINCE I HIT THIS SIDE. I GOT THE DOUGH O.K. THANKS A MILLION I SURE DID NEED IT BUT AS YET I HAVEN'T GOT ANY OF THE OTHER STUFF THAT I ASKED FOR BUT I GUESS THAT I WILL GET IT EVENTUALLY AND PROBABLE ASK FOR MORE. SO THEY FINALLY GOT OLD PUPP-FACE WELGOSS [Pete Welgoss, Teddy's brother]

IN THE SERVICE HOW IS BETTY [maiden name was Durvessky] TAKING IT?
I SURE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT DOG OF OURS I'LL BET HE LOOKS LIKE
A SKINNED RAT AFTER HE JUST CAME OUT OF THE WATER OR IS IT EVEN
WORSE THAN THAT? I GOT A LETTER FROM MOTH THE OTHER DAY AND BOY
WHAT A CHARACTER HE IS HE WROTE ME A V-MAIL AND I'LL BE IT HAD
ALL OF THREE LINES ON IT, YOU KNOW THE WAY HE WRITES, JUST LIKE A
CHICKEN EVEN WORSE THAN ME. TELL THE FOLKS NOT TO WORRY ABOUT ME
FOR EVERYTHING IS O.K. SAY I REMEMBER ONCE POP WANTED ME TO WRITE
BIGGER IN MY LETTER WELL IF THAT WAS THE CASE HOW DOES HE MANAGE
TO READ ONE OF THESE V-MAIL OR DOESN'T HE EVEN ATTEMPT IT? DON'T
FORGET THAT TONIC THAT I ASKED FOR AND THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
ELSE. THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, WILL WRITE AGAIN SOON.

YOUR SON,

[NO SIGNATURE] ["Moth" could have been Walter's brother George
who's nickname was "Mothballs"]

Walter ~May 27, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 19, 1944 12 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 9826

Dear Folks:

I am fine and hope that you all are the same. Received two of Mary's letters
yesterday sure was good to hear from you. There isn't much new here only finally we are
operating a hospital and it sure is a pretty nice one. I got a letter from George the other
day he didn't say much but how hit is was down in North Carolina. I haven't received
those stamps yet but will let you know when I do. I sure hope by this time that you sent
that you sent that dough that I asked for & also I'll let you know when & if I get it. Right
now it's raining like heck out I hate to go out & get wet so I guess I'll just sit here and
write some more letters. Well this all for now but will write later.

Your Son
Walter

Walter May 29, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked May 30 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 508 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England

29 May 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here you are folks your stationary right back where it started from, for a while I thought I was never going to get it but sure enough here it is. I am feeling fine and please don't worry about me the only thing that is bothering me is the warm weather that we are having and it sure is warm. Right now I'm sitting here in the office with my shirt off writing letters and to tell you the truth I am pretty comfortable. As yet I haven't received any answers to the letters that I've written to Teddy and Pete Perry but hope to any day now. Well how is everything at home, is the old boy still the same and as modern as ever. I'll bet. Did Geo get his furlo by this time or is he still waiting like I did when I was get my first one? How is Mommies garden coming along, just fine I'll bet, and another thing, I just know that is where Pop spends all of his spare time working in the garden as in the past years. The good old U.S.A. earth, what I wouldn't give to be standing on that again. Tell Mary that I haven't received here candy yet and by the time that I get it it probably sure will be a wreck, but I sure will enjoy it for here it is very scarce and it is rationed out to us. It is too bad that you are having trouble with your bike but I'll bet that never could have as much trouble as I had with my car remember the old thing I had. After this war I'm getting a real snazzy one & I don't care who doesn't want me to get it. Well folks I guess that this is about all for now, it's getting late and there is part of a ball game that I want to see.

Bye now, Your Son,
Walter

Walter Jun 1, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked May 30 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 508 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
1 June 1944

Dear Folks:

Received Anne's letter today that is the of the 25 th and sure was glad to hear from you all. Say don't you buy any new golf balls to send me any kind will do, in fact don't bother to send me any more those seven that you sent were plenty, for really I don't get too much time to play. Yes I've received the envelopes and stamps as you could plainly see and thanks a million for them all. It was too bad about Mike Bayus tell them I asked about him the next that you see him will you. I see where brother Geo is having a hard time getting his furlo, well just tell him that if he doesn't succeed the first time to try, try and try again. I know that Brokaw is on his way over he told me that I one of his previous letters and again when he was at Camp Kilmer. So the old boy finally got 3 tons of coal, see sure keeps plugging doesn't he and wouldn't it be swell if he got the idea to plug for the right things. I am feeling fine so don't worry about me. I guess that I'll close for now for its about time to hit the hay

So Long,
Your Son,

Walter

Walter Jun 4, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 21 1944 10-A

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 508 %PM
New York, NY

Somewhere in England
4 June 1944

Dear Folks:

Have got a few minutes to spare before I get going the show so I thought that I'd drop you all a line. I'm feeling fine but at the present am pretty busy. The weather here sure is awfull, all day it has looking like it is going to rain but hasn't yet, but I'll bet that I get caught on my way from or to the show. I have received everything but the candy that Mary sent me and I imagine that I'll get that sometime this week. I played golf again yesterday afternoon, my afternoon off and I sure did have fun just like home times. Well I guess that I'll close for now for it is just beginning to rain & have to go before it rains to hard.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 7, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 22, 1944 8 AM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 508 %PM
New York, NY

Somewhere in England
7 June 1944

Dear Folks:

I am feeling fine and hope that you all are the same. We sure are busy here but we don't mind it. I played golf here again last week and had a pretty good time. I got a letter from George the other day and he tells me he still hasn't got his furlo, well by this time sure hope that he has had it. The weather has been nice but the trouble is that there is very little sun shine and I do mean very little. How is everything in that old berg any thing of interest happen there lately? Well I guess this is all for now for it is about time to eat. So long for now.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 11, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked JUN 12 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 508 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
11 June 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry I haven't been writing too much lately but I haven't received any mail from al of you in a week so I guess we're about even. I received Mary's candy the other day it sure was good sister, thanks a million, I really appreciated it. Well without a doubt you've heard of what is going on over here and probably you know more about it than we do over here, it sue is funny but all the boys would much rather heard a good ordinary program from the U.S. than listen to the news.

I am feeling fine in fact I don't think that I've ever felt better in my life. The weather here has been pretty cold lately and very little sunshine. I got a letter from Peter Perry the other day and he sure was surprised to hear from and also the fact that I was here in England too. He is ome where around here his APO is 506 so you see there isn't much difference. Did George finally get he furlo or is he still hanging around & trying? I get the Citizen occasionally but after this subscription runs out do not get another one. How is the old boy feeling these days he bought a new house yet and Momie, how is she and how is she doing with here garden? I should ask about you Anne but if I did you would probably think that I miss you (mean aint I) and Mary oh her, she ought to be over here cleaning the path.

Well this is all for now.

Bye Now Your Son
Walter.

Walter Jun 14, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 26, 1944 2:30 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 508 %PM
New York, NY

Somewhere in England
14 June 1944

Dear Folks:

Received 2 letters today Anne's & Mary's & sure was good from you all, it was one of the first letters that I received in tow weeks. I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. Everything here is about the same but much more work. I have received everything so far that you that you have sent me but the golf balls and please do not send me any more of those until I ask for them. Right now it is raining cats & dogs out and I do really mean it. I see George still hasn't got his furlo I sure hope that he gets it pretty soon. I got a letter from Mike Brokaw and he is in Italy he told me quite a bit about it and from what he says it isn't too bad. I haven't seen Teddy yet I imagine that he is pretty busy right now that the invasion has started just like every out here. Well I guess that I'll close for now for there is very little else that I think to write.

Bye now Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 17, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 30, 1944 10 -AM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 508 %PM
New York New York

Somewhere in England
17 June 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in a such a long while but really lately I didn't feel like writing too much. I am feeling fine and every thing here with me is O.K. It sure is a beautiful day out the first nice and we have had in quite a while. So far I have gotten everything that you have sent me that is all but the golf balls that I had asked for so long ago. I played golf again yesterday afternoon my half day off and so far it was the best that I have played since I've been here. Am glad to hear that every thing at home is OK and everyone there is feeling fine. Say what the hell is the matter with Marion is getting proud or something. Tell her to ho to heck for me will you , what's she trying to pull anyway. Well I guess that this is all for now.

Bye now
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 21, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 29, 1944 12 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 508 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
21 June 1944

My dear folks:

Well here I am again writing again from good old England. At the present time I am feeling fine and hope you all are the same. I have been receiving quite a bit mail from you all lately and I sure do appreciate it. I see where George has finally got is furlo well by this time he is probably gone back. I sure hope that he didn't ruin my golf clubs when he used them. It sure is a beautiful day out and I only hope that it stays that way for a while. I see in the paper where John Bilak was hurt and is now back in the states just what is wrong with him anyway. Well I guess that this will be all for now for I really don't know what else to write about.

Bye now
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 28, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked JUN 29 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
28 June 1944

Dear Folks:

I'm sorry that I haven't written in such a long while but we sure were busy as you have probably noticed my APO number has changed again I sure wish that they could make up their mind. At the present time I am feeling fine but it sure is a lousy day out. All it has been doing here for the past three days is raining and I do mean raining. I have played golf here again a few days ago and I sure did enjoy myself. I have been receiving quite a few of your letters lately and they all are greatly appreciated you know that I was taking out a bond a month but starting next month I had it cut down to what they call a G.I. bond. That is 7.50 out for a \$10 bond per month. The allotment stays the way it is. Well how is George these days and where in the devil is he now for it sure has been a long while since I last heard from him. As yet I haven't met anyone from the hometown but sure hope to someday, some how, someplace. Never mind getting me some of that hair-oil that I asked for fro we unexpectly got some here and I got a hold of some. Well

how is everything at home and how is everyone feeling? What's new around those parts, by the way has Johnny Bilak come home yet? Never mind getting me the Citizen again for I really don't care to have it sent to me.

Well folks I guess that is about all for now for I can't think of any more to write about.

Bye Now
Your Son
Walter.

Walter Jul 2, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL 10, 1944 2 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 350 %PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
July 2, 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from merry old England, everything here is just fine and I'm in the best of health. It sure has been awful out today for all it has been doing is raining in fact that is all it has done for the past week. Well how is everything at home just fine I hope. By the way where is George now I haven't heard from him in a quite a while now and where is he stationed now? We have been pretty busy here lately and really I have had very little time to write but every once in a while I manage to find time to drop you a line. Well I can't think of any more to write about so I guess that I'll say good bye for now and will write again very soon.

Bye now
Need nothing

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 4, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL 11, 1944 5 PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England

4 July 1955

Dear Folks:

Haven't received any of your letters in quite a few days now but will write there are any how. Well how is everything in the old burg and how is every one feeling at home. At the present time I am feeling fine and to tell you the truth maybe because it's so nice out. It has finally stopped raining here after 9 consecutive days, oh yes this English weather is quite the thing. I haven't heard from George in quite a while now by the way here is he stationed and how does he like it. I imagine he had quite a time on his furlo but you just wait until I get back I sure am going to have a good time. Well I guess this is about all for now for I can't think of any more to write about so this is all for now.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 11, 1944 ...

On V-mail stationary No Postmark.
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
11 July 1944

Dear Folks:

Received Mary's letter today the first in quite a while and sure was glad to hear from you all. Every thing here is OK and at the present time I am feeling fine. I got a letter from Anne Guter today and she sent the picture that they took of Pop slaving away at his old J&L [at American Locomotive], what was the occasion any way, morale purposes. At the present time we are fairly busy and in more respect than I can tell you but I'm sure that I will be able to tell you some day. Well how is every thing at home just fine I hope and has bop bought that new house yet? I play golf practically every week that is when I have my afternoon off and it comes around. I could hardly wait until it comes around. Well this is all for now, will write soon.

Your Son
"Walter"

Walter Jul 18, 1944 ...

MISS MARY HERZA TERZA SKOMSKY & SKOMSKY FAMILY
123 Perrine Street
Auburn, New York U.S.A.

Air Mail Letter Postmarked JUL 10 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England

18 July 1944

Dear Folks:

I have been receiving Mary's V. mail letters right along and also I got her little package of gum and candy. Thanks Mary you don't know how hard it is to get that stuff over here. Please don't send any more thought for I never was too much of a candy eater or gum chewer.

Everything here is OK and I am feeling fine so please don't worry about me. I do hope that everything is OK at home. Boy it sure is a beautiful day out just like back there. You know these nice days are so far and few between that it isn't even funny so when you do get one, you surely appreciate it whey you do.

I haven't heard form George now in quite some time where is he now anyway? I hear from Mike Brokaw every now and then and form what he says Italy isn't too bad of a place. I haven't got to see Teddy yet for I imagine we both are too busy.

I played golf here again last week and played the best since I've been here. You know it sure is a funny thing when I was in the army back there I never bothered to play but here I play every chance I get. When you play here you play for nothing and they hand you clubs so you see it isn't too bad. I see where the park is open again you know I haven't been there in so long I think that I forgot what the place looks like, do they leave any of the concessions open there as yet? We took some pictures out here I don't know when they will be done but if I ever get them back I'll mail then home.

Well I guess that this is about all for now I don't know of anything else to write about. That's all for now.

Your Son
Walter.

Walter Jul 20, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked JUL 21 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
20 July 1944

Dear Folks:

Just to drop you a line that everything here is OK. Just got tow letters today, Anne & Mary's and surely appreciate them. I really felt very sorry to hear that Mike Cynbrak was killed in action but that is the way it goes. I knew him very well & had quite a few good times with him & Teddy. So Joey Ty [Tyhanick] is home now give him my regards will you and tell him I'm over here to take his place.

I have made plans to play golf tomorrow so I sure hope that is doesn't rain. I see where George got his APO well maybe by the time he gets over this thing will be over & we all will be very happy. I don't need any thing. Oh yes I do, how about making up a package with crackers & cheese and peanut butter, etc OK.

Who ever told you that you couldn't send glass jars over seas, the boys here get them all of the while so some one is screwy.

That's all for now.

Your Son
Walt

Walter Jul 30, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked JUL 31 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
30 July 1944

Dear Folks:

Have been receiving quite a few of your letters lately, am sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but really have been busy.

Everything here is OK and hope that things there are the same. I see where you all have been having quite a few visitors, I'll bet that both Mom and Pop to see them. Say where is Uncle Geo. Now. Is he still down in Meade or has he been shipped out of there. I played golf here again this week and right now am again out of golf balls but please don't send me any more until I ask for them for I'm pretty sure that I won't have any use for them in the very near future. I really don't need any thing else but when I do I'll ask for it and in a hurry. It sure is a beautiful day out, a little warm but the nicest we have had in quite a while. I got another letter from Geo. The other day, his boils still bother him I wonder just what is the matter with him? Say how is Pop coming along with the new house, still same as ever, not interested, but maybe someday he'll change his mind which I doubt very much.

Well I guess that this is about all for now for I can't think of more to write about, write soon.

Bye now
Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 8, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked JUL 21 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
8 August 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again writing to again from merry old England. Every thing here is just fine but at the present time I have a awful sunburn. You see we got 2 days off and I went to a little summer resort town called [the rest of the sentence is physically cut from the letter – censored] and staying in the sun for 2 days. I really had a good time and we

stayed with the swellest lady that you ever met, Sunday morning we all to church for the first time in quite a while but never the less we went there.

I have been receiving quite a few letters from you all lately but am really sorry that I can't answer then all individually no time. I got a letter from Al Zanowick & he also is here in England somewhere but as yet don't know where but do hope that I find out soon.

Well I know that this is sort of short but we have a formation presently & I have got to hurry. Bye Now.

Your Son
Walter

[2nd note enclosed]

Anne:

Here is a negative of the fellow I hang around with and myself will you please have 4 of these made and sent to me, for both of us. Then have another one made and please send it to:

Mrs Peter McCabe
College Hill
Clinton, New York

Of course have one made for the album.

Thanx, Your's
Walter.

Walter Aug 8, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked SEP 18 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
8 August 1944

[might be September based on the post mark]

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again writing to the place where I would like to be most. I am feeling fine so please don't worry about me. I got a letter from Albert Bayus the other day he also sent three pictures of himself and he sure did look good. The package that I told you about was mailed today so when you get this letter you should be getting it if not of gotten it already. A fellow too quite a few pictures the last time we visited Paris and if I ever get a hold of any of them I'll send then your way. I haven't gotten a letter from Geo now in quite a while maybe it's because our mail here isn't too good. I wish that I know what to write about but I just don't know what to say. I was going to finish the letter on that page gut seeing hat I couldn't get it all on I guess that I will just have to continue. Well it won't be long before old man winter will be around there. I wonder how cold winter will be around. I hope not to cold for when we left England all of our over coats were taken away from us. Did I tell you that I know where Pete Perry's outfit is, in fact

we passed it on the road and I wouldn't of known it maybe I could of gotten time off & go over to see him.

Well I guess that this is about all for now for am running out of things to say
Will write again very soon.

Bye now,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 16, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 23, 1944 10:30

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in England
16 August 1944

Dear Folks:

Am feeling fine hope your all are the same. Just received Anne's and Mary's letter dated 17 th & 18 th of July but is sure did it a long while to get here for usually it takes is a week or so. Also got a letter from George today and from the way he speaks he likes it here very much. Isn't too bad here but it is nothing like the states. He is also having quite a bit of trouble with his boils, you know I really feel sorry for him for he has so many of them. I wonder what in the world could be the matter with him. You know it sure would be nice if Pop bought a home and when Geo and I come home it would there to go to, well I could dream anyway can't I . The weather here sure has been nice in fact it is the first time that I can remember it hasn't rained at least once in a weeks time.

Well I guess that this is about all for now for I can't think of anymore to write about anyway.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 23, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 1, 1944 4 -PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.)General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
August 23, 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in such a long while but maybe now you can see the reason. Yes here I am in France and busy there is sure some difference from England. Our trip here wasn't too bad but the main point is that we got here safely and that's all that counts. At the present time I am in the best of health and hope that you all are the same. You know I sure wish that you all could see the position that I'm in in writing this letter never in my life have I tried writing this way but I think that I I'm doing OK, don't you? This is the first time in my army career that I feel like a real soldier for explanation well ask me some day in the future which is not too far ahead, (I hope). Well folks I guess that this is all for now, will write again the first chance I get.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 25, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 2, 1944 4 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
25 August 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again writing again from somewhere in France. Everything here is OK and at the present time I'm in the best of health. There is a heck of a lot that I would like to say but unfortunately if I did the censor would only cut it out so what is the use of trying. I haven't heard from Geo in quite a few days now but in his last letter he stated everything was fine and not to worry about him. I had hopes of trying to see him while I was in England but unfortunately we moved out before I had the chance. There is some sort of show some where around here at 8:30 this evening I don't think that I will go for I sure have a lot of letter writing to catch up on at the present time I do not need anything and money is of no value here for there isn't any where you can spend it. It doesn't make any difference how much you have in your pocket and in ways than one this makes me sort of happy.

Your Son
Walt

Walter Aug 26, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 19, 1944 12 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster

New York, New York

Somewhere in France
26 August 1944

Dear Folks:

You know this sure is something very unusual for me writing home the past 3 days in a row but it seems that I have found time some way and there is nothing that I like to do better so henceforth these letters. It sure has been a beautiful day out and you know for once it isn't raining. I really enjoy these nice sunny days for they remind me so much of the days I played so much golf. I have played quite of baseball lately and at the present time I am almost as black as a negro and to top it all I just got a real short haircut. It is one of the shortest ones that I think that I have ever had but never the less that is the way it is most comfortable for me so that is the way I had it cut. Say Anne how are those pictures coming along that I sent home to be developed quite some time ago. I sure hope that they are developed for me both are anxiously awaiting them. Well I guess that this does it for now. Will write again real soon so now I guess that I shall close.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 27, 1944 ...

Miss Anne Skomsky
123 Perrine Street
Auburn New York

Griffin Road
Clinton, New York
August 27, 1944

My Dear Miss Skomsky,

I was most pleased to receive your pleasant note and the snapshot of our two soldiers.

It is the first picture we have had of Bob since he went overseas and we are delighted to see him looking so well and happy. We are glad, too, that he has a "buddy" of your brother's type. Bob has mentioned "Walt" several times and we knew he was an upstate boy. Somehow it is comforting to know that his buddy is from our own state and not too far from home. Yes, Bob has played golf since he was a little fellow as we live close to the Hamilton College course where he caddied and played during vacations. It is fine that they both have had a chance to keep in practice over there. We are interested to know what the "hut" they live in looks like. I can see why it is called an "elephant" hut.

Bob is nineteen and has one brother, Pete, who is fifteen. Just now Pete is nursing a broken collar bone, the result of a premature football game. It is encouraging to hear the good news from the war fronts. It doesn't seem possible that the European war can last much longer. Perhaps it will end sooner than we expect and our two "buddies" will be coming back.

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness in writing. It brought me much pleasure.

Sincerely,
Ada G. McCabe

Walter Aug 31, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 7, 1944 4 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hospital
APO 350 %PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
31 August 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but that was due to the fact that we moved again. We are now out of Normandy and in our trip here we sure did see a lot of France. By things sure are tough here for the people, just how tough, the people back there don't realize. I am feeling fine so please don't worry about me. Our mail still hasn't caught up with us so you see we haven't got any mail in quite a while now. It sure is a beautiful day out but no matter how nice the day is it always manages to rain every night and boy that is bad. Well I guess that this is about all for now but will write again when I get the chance.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 4, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 12, 1944 2 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) General Hospital
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
4 September 1944

Dear Folks:

Have a few minutes so I thought I would drop you all a line. I really don't know what to write about but will try to fill up this V-mail. At the present time I am feeling fine and have got my self quite a tan. As yet I haven't received that picture I sent home to

have made but I should be receiving it any day now, that is if you sent it the day you said you did. We have been having wonderful weather lately and I only hope that it keeps up for a while otherwise when it rains there is more mud here than you ever saw in your life. Well I guess that this is about all for now but will write again soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 6, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 15, 1944 6 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
6 Sept 1944

Dear Folks:

Have a few minutes to spare so I thought that I would drop you all a line. I am feeling fine so please don't worry about me. I received six of Mary's letters yesterday dated the fourteenth then the twenty fourth. I really don't know what to write about I would like to say things but am sure it wouldn't thru the censor. Am glad to hear everything is OK at home. Wrote Teddy a letter yesterday I wonder where he is now I sure would like to know. On our way here we passed Pete Perry's outfit so he is here now too. Well I guess that this does it for now. Will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 7, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 15, 1944 4 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
7 September 1944

Dear Folks:

Lately it seems as though I have really been in a writing mood for this is the first time that I can recall I'm all caught up in my letter writing. I went to Paris yesterday for a visit and who do you think I met while walking up the street none other than Teddy Walgoss. When I first saw him I couldn't believe my eyes but sure enough it was him &

we had a short talk together for the vehicle I was riding in was ready to leave. Strange things sure do happen don't they. Well this is all for now will write again soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 9, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 19, 1944 5 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
9 Sept 1944

Dear Folks:

Am feeling fine and hope that you are all the same. Just got a letter from Geo and he too is somewhere in France. The weather here is fine. During the day but seems that it has got to rain every night. And it gets wetter than heck in the morning. Mike Brokaw is still somewhere in Italy for I just got a letter from him a few days ago. Well it seems that I can't find anything else to write about so I guess that I'll close.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 13, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 22, 1944 4 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
13 Sept 1944

Dear Folks:

Am feeling fine and hope that you are the same. Just received one of Anne's letters and 3 of Mary's and sure was glad to hear from you all. Say Anne did you know that I met Teddy Welgoss in Paris or did I tell you that before I tasted champagne the other day for the first time in my life. Good stuff, did you ever have any? Could you imagine coming over here to taste champagne for the first time. I also could use a lighter it sure would come in handy.

Will write again.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 14, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 22, 1944 12 -PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
14 Sept 1944

Dear Folks:

Received a few letters from you all the other day and sure was good to hear from you all. I visited [blocked off by censor] again the other day and it seems the more I get to go there the more nicer the city is. I have visited quite a few of the famous places and found all them very interesting. I have quite a few post cars from them and maybe in the near future I'll make up a package and send it to you .

Well how is everything with you all there, fine I hope. Haven't received any mail from Geo in over a week now he sure must be busy.

Well this is all for now will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 15, 1944 ...

[Written on United States Army stationary]

Air Mail Letter Postmarked SEP 17 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
Sept 15, 1944

Dear Folks:

For once I'm going to answer Anne's letter right, it is right here in front of me & I'm going right to it.

As far as you (Anne) wanting to be in my shoes, any time you say kid I'm ready, is it because you got 100 in French in High School that you want to come here boy I sure could use some of that French. I don't know much about the news for here we get very little & when it comes it comes late & over the radio it's in French so you see what a position I'm in. Oh yes they have fox holes here but thank goodness we don't use them not as yet anyway. OK, I'll give you another guess.

You sure did labor on labor day Anne what bit you anyway? I see where the Wilicayuski kids passed there exams I wonder how the Mrs. Will take it when they leave and Pat still being home. So Ozzie's clothes cam home well his D-day isn't too far off I

only hope that it would catch up with Primo for snooty Marion's sake. That sure must have been a bender Ozzie went on who was he with anyway?

I see where a few of the girls went to N.Y.C. how did they enjoy them selves? Look Anne there must be millions of fellows with the same APO as mine would you like me to comb France to find him or would you want me to put it in the want-ads of some paper. But no kidding Anne if I ever run across him I'll let you know like I did when I met Ted Welgoss. There are a lot of general hospitals in France & all have different numbers so you see how could I tell where he was when you even did give me his Det [?] Patients number.

I see where the Old Boy went to the clam-bake tell me did he have a good time, if that was my dinner that you tried to sponge I'd throw you out on your ear.

The next paragraph in your letter was about Clipper but who wants to talk about a dub dog. Boy will Anne burn when she reads that.

It was too bad that you lost your championship but better luck next year maybe I'll be there to cheer you on. Don't worry I have written both Al Zanowich and Brokaw. I admit there was a little delay due to our coming here but I got it done after a while.

Say Anne I'm sending home a package of minor souvenirs from France and to you for helping me out in many difficult financial situations some of Paris's finest perfume. A fellow who owned a cosmetic store in Chicago helped me pick it out. I hope you like it. There are also some post-cards of the different places I've visited but have seen much more such as Chantes, St Lo Mounte Bourg, Caventau, [blocked by censor], Reims & many other cities.

Well I guess that this does it for now but will write again soon.

Your Son

Walter

P.S. Don't be in too much of a hurry for that package for I haven't mailed it yet.

Walter Sep 15, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 26, 1944 4 -PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S) Gen Hosp

APO 350 % PM

New York, New York

Somewhere in France

Sept-15-1944

Dear Folks:

Well after writing that long letter yesterday I guess that I'll just write a very short v. mail today. We haven't received our mail for today who knows I might have a few letters well I hope so any way. Every thing here is OK and at the present time I am feeling fine so please don't worry about me. I still haven't received any answer from my last letter to George, does he write home very often or does he still neglect to write home like he used to. Say do you remember the pen and pencil set that the club gave me when I left for the army will I succeeded in losing both of them now the pencil somewhere in England and the pen about a week ago here some where in France. I have however picked up another pen in the mean time and it's a real good one too. Well folks I guess that this is about all for now. Will writer again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 18, 1944 ...

[this letter is typed]

Air Mail Letter Postmarked not legible

Somewhere in France
18 September 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again this time I'm going to try to type this letter, I don't know how it will come out for I haven't done any typing in quite a while now. This is one of those portable typewriters that I am trying to use, I don't like it one bit for the thing is too small for my big fingers, get what I mean. At the present time I'm feeling fine and hope that all your folks are the same. I really have been doing quite a bit of letter writing in the past few days, I guess that you have noticed that haven't you? We get our mail here very two days so you see when we do get mail it at least gives us a little time to answer them which makes it pretty good. Say how does Mike Bayus feel now after that auto accident he had quite some time ago? Say Anne I sure could sue a little of that French you took in High School, oh you don't know just how much I would give for a little of it. The weather here has been fairly nice and it sure is a big difference from the place where we landed, there no matter how bright or sunny the day it was bound to rain at night. I got a letter from Johnny Warobick the other day and in case you didn't know it he is somewhere in the Pacific. He gave me Looie's address, I don't know where he is for it sure has been a long while since I've heard from him. Anyway he now is training somewhere for the Paratroopers, he sure is some kid, isn't he? Say what happened lately, and what are the latest rumors? Did you say that Primo was up in Fort Lewis, we do you remember that Lt. Charles Consroe (the one that you wrote to once) well he and his wife are up there to, I got a letter from him the other day, he likes the place fairly well but wishes that he were over seas, the dope. Say where is Josh Fallat now it sure is a long while since I've heard anything of him? I wrote Bucky a letter the other day and just asked him how he enjoyed his furlor. Al Bayus told me that he and Johnny Chomyk went and saw Johnny Bilak at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, what is the matter with Johnny anyway, and about Chomyk what is he doing now?

Well I guess that this is about all for now but will write again real soon so until then I'll close.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 19, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 SEP 29, 1944 4 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
19 September 1944

Dear Folks:

I have a few minutes before the lights go out here in the building so I thought that I would drop you all a line seeing that I haven't written you today. At the present time I am feeling fine and am in the best of health. Today I visited [blocked by censor] you know were the [blocked by censor] was signed for the last [blocked by censor] and boy that sure is a beautiful place. The palace where the treaty was signed was built by Louis the V and I'll bet that it took at least five or ten years to build. The weather here sure has been swell in the past few days although it is not unusual for this part of the country. You can't image the difference there is in the various sections of France. Well I guess that this does it for now but will write.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 23, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 19, 1944 12 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
23 September 1944

Dear Folks:

Received two of Mary's letters yesterday including the pictures and the Diesel News and I assure you they all were very welcome. At the present time I'm in the best of health so please don't worry about me. You know I told you Pete Perry's outfit was located near here well some how he got wind of us being here so he came over to see me and we had a very nice talk. That makes tow fellow that I've met since I've been here in France him and Teddy Welgoss in Paris a few weeks ago. Well I sent that package I told you so much you ought to be getting it any day now that is of course if it had crossed the pond safely. I also got a letter from Bucky when he got back from his furlo he sure is anxious to go over seas. I don't know why there's nothing over here. Will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 24, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 2, 1944 4 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
24 Sept 1944

Dear Folks:

Just a line to let you know that everything here is OK and I am feeling fine. The weather here is pretty cold that is there is a cold breeze blowing and to tell you the truth it is really too cold to be writing letters. I haven't got any letters in quite a while now not that they haven't been written but you see our mail here isn't the best there is. I guess all I can do is just sit tight and wait. Well its six months since we have been over-seas and how the time does fly. It sure seems a long while that I've been in the army and to com to think of it it will be two years this coming November, wow how time does fly. Well what is new in that burg, if anything, are you all set for a nice clod winter? well I guess that this is all for now but will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 26, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 4, 1944 10 -AM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
26 September 1944

Dear Folks:

I sure wish that I knew what to write about but every time I pick up my pen my mind seems to go blank and it is hard as the chickens to find something to write about. If I had your last letter then I could have it to answer your questions but no such luck we haven't had any mail in about a week now. At the present time I am feeling fine so please don't worry about me. The weather here is OK but you can tell old man winter is just around the corner for the weather isn't as warm as it used to be. Does George write home very often and what does he think of France? I sure am sorry Anne that I never too your advice to take French in High School for I assure you it most certainly would come in handy here. You know at times I'm glad that they don't make this V-mail longer and this is one of those times. Will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Sep 29, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked SEP 30 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
29 September 1944

Dear Folks:

Received Mary's letters of the 11th today and sure was glad to hear from you all. Everything here is OK and I am feeling fine so don't worry about me. I got a letter from Geo. Yesterday and he says he met George Marchisin here somewhere, you sure have got to keep your eyes open for you never can tell who you are going to bump into. I didn't know that the club was going to move their boots outside in the hall it sure is a good idea for with the right decorations that would make a very nice night club. So you went to New York Mary, how did you think of the town, it sure is some place isn't it? Well it seems that I can't think of any more to write about so I guess that I'll have to close for now but I will write again very soon. Tell me did you ever get that package that I sent from Paris quite some time ago. This is all for now.

Your Son,
Walter.

Walter Sep 30, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked OCT 2 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
30 September 1944

Dear Folks:

I have received three or four letters that Mary had written and it was the first that I've hear from you all in quite a while. Everything here is OK and I am feeling fine. I got a letter from Uncle Geo. Today and I sure was surprised to hear from him in quite a while. I also got a letter from Geo and I guess he has already told you who he met, Geo Marchicism when he was taking a shower. The weather here is getting cooler & cooler as the days go on and it won't be long before they have snow here, that is if they have it here. Boy Marion sure is a busy girl what is she going to do wth all her dough anyway" Say how is Pop coming with that new house has he made any progress with it or doesn't he still want one. Well I guess that this is about all for now but will write again very soon so until then, so long.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 1, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 9, 1944 12 -PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
1 October 44

Dear Folks:

Just received Anne's letter of the 21st so without any hesitation I will sit down and answer it. I haven't received that package that you mentioned but will look forward to receive it. Look any you don't have to send me cigarettes for I really don't smoke much and that seven packs that we get on our ration card always gets me plenty. I can realize that maybe cigarettes are hard to get there so please don't send me any more & let Pop have them. The weather here sure is getting cold for right now it is only dusk and I'm sitting here without my shoes on and they are frozen. I finally got a letter from Teddy [Welchez?] he's still in England it's too bad that I couldn't of stayed there for he is now getting 48 hour passes. Well I guess that that is all for now but will write again very soon

. Bye now

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 2, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 10, 1944 4 -PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
2 October 44

Dear Folks:

I have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you all, especially Mary, for today I received 4 letters from her including that 6 page letter. Every [thing] here is just fine and I hope that it is the same way there. Yes Mary I can read your typed V-mail very well but every once in while they print it too dark and then it is very hard to read. Boy by the sound of your last few letters everyone but Momie sure got ambitious as heck especially you and Anne. Doing house work without a big argument first and Pop trying to fix something, when ever did he take interest in home affairs. As I told you before Anne don't send me any cigarettes or gum but any other stuff will do, and by the way when ever you make up another package stick in a comb will you. It rains her practically every day but fortunately today we have a little sun and we sure do appreciate it. Well I guess that this is all for now but will write soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 4, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 4, 1944 12 -PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
4 October 44

Dear Folks:

Just received Mary's letters (V-mail_ of the 14 th the last one she wrote before going to New Your so now I imagine that I'll be getting them from New York. Say Mary how did you like the Hit Parade was it worth your while or didn't you like it? I just got letter from Geo. He didn't have much to say excepting the fact that he now [has ?] boils and says it sure feels funny with them. Everything here is about the same and don't worry I am feeling fine. You know I thought that the weather in England was bad but this weather we are having now has it beat by a mile never in my life have I seen anything so inconsistent. I just got thru writing Geo a letter I didn't say much but tried to convince him that I was in France ahead of him. Will write again.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 8, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked OCT 10 1944
Envelope marked "Request 10-17-44"
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
8 October 1944

Dear Folks:

I received Anne's letters of the twenty-sixth today and sure was glad to receive it. Everything here is OK and I am feeling fine. Say Anne what ever gave you the idea that Geo, doesn't get any cigarettes over here, to tell you the truth he probably gets more than Pop gets at home. I know I get enough and I really don't see why he doesn't. The weather here has been pretty rainy lately I guess instead of getting snow flurries it rains her instead. Say that is a good idea on my money detail I really would like to know how much I got. It probably isn't much but someday it might come in handy. Say Anne did you ever receive that package I sent home quite some time ago, I sure hope you have by this time for in it was some perfume for you. It was mighty nice of Pop to add that sixteen

fifty to that two bucks I had a good deal of profit I must say. So Marion is going to Washington to visit Primo, tell me how could she afford to take so much time off from work. I got a letter from Ozzie the other day, he is anxious as heck to come over-seas boy he sure will change his mind once he gets over here. Sardines, cheese & salmon go good in a package but don't send any cigarettes. Crackers, candy & peanut butter are also good too.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but will write again very soon.

Your Son,
Walter.

Walter Oct 9, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 25, 1944 4-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
9 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again dropping you all a line from good old France. Everything here is just fine and I am feeling fine so don't worry about me. I didn't get any mail from you today but hope to real soon, and I am also expecting that package of yours any day now. I haven't heard from Geo. In the past few days either but when I probably do get some mail it will all come at once. The weather has really been remarkable here the past few days for it hasn't rained once and that is sure something for this section of the country. Well I guess that it is pretty cold back there I wonder how much snow they have here, if any at all. By the way how is the high school football team doing this year, as well as they have been doing in the past or are they on the down grade again? Well I guess that this will be about all for now but will write again the first chance that I get.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 14, 1944 ...

[Return address is cut from the envelope]

Air Mail Letter Postmarked OCT 15 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
14 October 1944

Hello Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but really have been busy and some thing tells me that it will be that way for quite a while to come. I received two letters and the Niesel News today the first mail that we have had in quite a while and sure was glad to hear from you all. Everything here is OK and I am feeling fine so please do not worry. Yes I received that picture you sent me quite a while ago didn't I ever tell you that I received it" Yes we are still together but really don't hang around like we used to for we all are too busy. Say Anne never mind getting me a cigarette lighter for I got one now and it is a pretty good one at that. I visited Paris again just to see the spots that I missed the first time, now I think that I have seen practically all of the more historical places there. Well in a few more weeks I will have two years in the army and roughly seven months over seas boy time sure does fly doesn't it. I got a letter from Geo. Today he didn't say much but that he is well and his boils don't bother him like they used too. I don't know where Geo. Is stationed but sure would like to know. Yes I have seen the French girls they are mighty pretty & I also have seen a lot of German soldiers and they look like heck.

Well I guess that I'll close for now but will write again the first chance I get.

Your Son,
Walter.

Walter Oct 15, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 27, 1944 6-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
15 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting again from some where in France. I wrote you all a letter last nite and seeing that I have a few minutes to spare tonite I thought that I might as well write you to be right too. I received Mary's V-mail today which was written on the twenty eighth. Tell me Mary how did you enjoy yourself in New York wile you were there did you have a good time? Everything here is OK and I am feeling fine. So Eddie Bogner is home now well all I can say that it is about time, he did his share plus, let me know when he is home for sure I really would like to drop him a line if by any chance he goes to another camp find out his address for me will you. Will I guess that this will be about all for now.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 16, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 27, 1944 4-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
16 October 1944

Dear Folks:

I received three of Mary's letters today they were a little old but I sure was glad to hear from you all. It is still raining cats and dogs out and that's all that it seems to do here is rain rain and rain. So Eddy Bogner is home now boy I bet that he sure is glad after spending so much time over her. I know that I would be. Yes I heard from Mike Brokaw every now and then and from the last I heard from him he is now in a anti-aircraft too just like George. I also hear from Geo. Pretty regular now the writing but must of have bitten him. Well I guess that this is about all for now but will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 17, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 29, 1944 5-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
17 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Received Mary's letter today and sure was glad to hear from you all. Everything here is all-right and I am feeling fine. Well I met another fellow from Auburn today, while I was working. This is the way the story goes, today as I was working helping to clean out a building full of lumber and wheeling a wheel-barrow full of lumber down the street I saw a fellow with his back toward me looking for something. He suddenly turned around and who was it nobody but Mike Pinchak. We had quite a talk together seeing hat we entered the army the same time and all that sort of stuff. Well that makes three fellows that I have met here since I have been here in France and that is pretty good for the short time that I have been here. Well I guess that this is all for [now] but shall write again.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 18, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 29, 1944 4-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
18 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Today I received two letters and a postal card from Mary, some of them were mailed in New York and some home but still I received them on the same date it sure is some thing isn't it? Every thing here is OK and I am feeling fine. I really don't know what to write about for I guess that I've written home very day now for the past week or so. Right now there is a show of some sort going on a few buildings away and I could hear the music play. I guess that I'll drop over after I finish his letter. The rain has let up some what today but I imagine it will start again very soon. I also got a letter from Al Bayus today he didn't say much but it was good hearing from him anyway. Will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 20, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 3, 1944 4-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
20 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am reporting again from France. Everything here is all right and I am feeling fine. I haven't received any mail from you all now in the past few days for it sure is unusual after receiving at least one letter for days for the past week or so. It has just started raining again and that's about all it does here is rain. I haven't heard from Geo in the past few days either but maybe tomorrow I will hear from him too. Golly I wish that I know what to write about but I just can't think of any think to say. By the way have you ever received that package that I sent home quite a while ago? I asked whether receive it before but never received the answer. Will I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 22, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 OCT 25, 1944 4-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
22 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Just received any one of Mary's V-mail today there wasn't a heck of a lot of news in it but it was good hearing from you just the same. Every thing here is about the same and I am feeling fine. We have really been having surprising weather here lately for it hasn't rained in the past two days and that is really some thing. I just got back from a trip picking up supplies and I sure am tired from riding. I haven't heard from Geo in quite a while now. I did write him a couple of times this week but as yet haven't received any answers. Golly I just can't think of anything more to write about so I guess that I will close for now but will write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 23, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked OCT 25 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
23 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Well I received Anne's very nice letter today which was dated the fourth and I sure was happy to hear from you all. I'm glad that you are receiving all of our mail and it sure must be quite a bit, that is of course if Geo. Writes as often as I do, bragging ain't I? Yes I wonder where Geo. Got that fifty to send home, he sure has gotten to be quite a thrifty boy lately, or else awfully lucky!! As yet I haven't received any of the packages that you sent but sure am looking forward to getting them.

Well Anne how did you enjoy yourself in New York and how was that Marine that you were fixed up with? All together I have met four fellows from Auburn whie I have been here overseas, one in England and theree here in France. Am glad to hear that Anne Guter is going out to enjoy herself, don't worry she told me all about it in one of her previous letters which she always does and I think is mighty nice of her.

You know I sure world feel proud if I were in Mary's shoes after all compliments like that don't come every day but you know it sure is a funny thing she never mentions

any thing of that sort in her letters to me. While I was in Paris I saw many attractive tall girls, maybe if I know a little French I could of fixed myself up but no such luck.

Say Anne, I really would like a statement on my financial status so how about it, huh? The next time you see Eddy Bogner tell him I said hello and that if he has any time to drop me a line for I sure would like to hear from him.

This is the third day that it hasn't rain[ed] and I really am surprised at this weather, but never-the-less it sure is a good to have a decent day once in a while.

Well it looks as though I will have to end this letter fro I just can't think of any more to write about.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 23, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 11 1944

Miss Anne Skomsky
% Noble, Leary & Leary Law
Auburn Savings Bank Blding
Auburn, New York

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
23 October 1944

Hi Anne:

Here is something that I picked up a few days, I'm sure that you will enjoy reading it. Let Kuddles read it too I'm sure that she will enjoy it also. After you get thru with it put it away from me for I would like to have it some day in the future. OK.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 26, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 6, 1944 6-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
26 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written you all in the past few days but we sure have been busy. Right now I have a pretty bad cold and yesterday I received a booster typhoid shot and today to tell you the truth I didn't feel any too hot. Boy there sure was quite a few boys home on furlo wasn't there but you know in my opinion no matter how [?] any one there it won't seem the same until the whole bunch are there and all together. Say I thought that Marion went out to visit Premo or didn't she go in fear that she was loosing too much money from not working. I haven't heard from Geo now in quite a while I guess that I'll drop him a line and give him hell. This is all for now will write again.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 28, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 7, 1944 12 M
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
28 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting again from some where in France. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. Well the time you received this letter I will have had celebrated my second anniversary in the army and only hope that I had not have another one. You know things are pretty tough here right now for all you can get to drink is tea, coffee and champagne. As yet we have not had any snow but we all expect some any day now. I got a hold of a German helmet the other day and just for sort of a souvenir. I am going to send it home one of these days when I get the ambition. I didn't receive any mail today from any of you all not even a V-mail from Mary, she sure must be slipping. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 29, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 9, 1944 10-AM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
29 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Just a few lines to let you know that everything here is OK and I am feeling fine. I received another one of Mary's V-mail letters today and sure was glad to hear from you all. I still haven't heard from Geo. I wonder why the heck he doesn't write myself I think he is getting lazier and lazier every day that he is in the army. Will that cold I had is practically all gone now and I sure hope that it doesn't come back for I sure do hate those things. Had it snowed back there yet I know that it is a little early for it but you never can tell. I really don't know what else to say so I guess that I shall close for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Oct 30, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 1 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
30 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Received another one of Mary's letters today and also a Diesel News thanks Mary. I got a letter from Geo. Today in fact two of them and he said that he saw my name in the Red Cross Club in Cherbourg with I visited several times quite some time ago. He wants me to meet him there but unfortunately it is quite an impossibility. He must be stationed there or quite near to Cherbourg. It was too bad that I didn't find that out before for if I did I am sure that I could of gotten a chance to see him but that is the way it goes.

I also got another letter from Teddy today and I sure was glad to hear from him. Every thing here is about the same and I am feeling fine. This letter is being written is sort of a hurry for I just got thru working and it quite late and I wanted to write to you all because of what Geo. Had written.

Well I guess that I shall close for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son,
Walter.

Walter Oct 31, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 11, 1944 2-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
31 October 1944

Dear Folks:

Just a few lines to let you know that every thing here is OK and I am feeling fine. Much to my surprise I received another V-mail from Geo today the third one in two days. I don't know what ever got into him but my guess is the he is still amazed to find my name in the Cherbourg Red Cross Club. Well it hasn't rained once the past two days and it sure is surprising. Today we got paid again for me it was the 23rd time and the [blocked by censor] time in French money. Here we are paid in francs which is equivalent to about two cents in American money. The English money is still the hardest of them to figure out buy it sure is a corker. Well this is all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 2, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 21 1944

Miss Anne Skomsky
123 Perrine Street
Auburn, New York

[Return address from Noble, Leary & Leary, where Anne worked is crossed out and replaced with]
Hershey Chocolate Corp.
Hershey, Penna

Somewhere in France
2 November 1944

Dear Folks:

Received Mary's letter which was written on the 20th and I sure was glad to hear from you all. Every thing here is about the same and I am feeling fine. It sure is getting cold out now a days and in the past week or so we haven't had as much rain as we usually have. Our mail isn't coming in too good lately or should I say too steadily for on some days we get a lot of mail and others we don't get a thing. I got another letter from Teddy yesterday and he is still in England. He has been overseas for one year already boy time sure does fly doesn't it? I sure was surprised to learn that Al Bayus is now overseas, but it seems that everyone I know is there and I think that Ozzie is there too for I haven't heard from him in about a month now. Say Anbne or somebody the next time you make up a package for me put some tooth paste or powder in it (about 4 tubes) for that stud sure is hard to get over here. Another thing, write to Hershey Chocolate Company, they send Hershey bars to men overseas (for a fee of course which you pay) & tell them to send em a couple of boxes of Hershey morsels, [this last sentence is circled and stamped "HERSHEY CHOCOLATE CORPORTATION"] will you do that. Will enclose a request for you to send them. That's all.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 4, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 6 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
4 November 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting again from here some where in France. Incidentally it is two years ago today that I was sworn into this army. Boy a lot has happened since then and I only hope that I will not see another one for to tell you the truth I am getting pretty sick of it all. I have been seeing quite a few shows here lately, the other nite they had a world premiere here the show being "Conflict" with Humphrey Bogart and Barbara Stanwyk and it was pretty good. I just got back from another show just about two minutes ago and this was "Follow the Boys" with George Raft and a all star cast. I have been getting quite a bit of mail from George lately for I got another letter from him yesterday. Everything here is still OK and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. I really don't know what else to write about for I can't think of any thing to say. The boys have just started a card game here in the room and they are making so much noise that I can't hear myself think so I guess that I shall call it quits for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 6, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 8 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
6 November 1944

Dear Folks:

I received another one of Mary's V-mail today the first letter that I received from any of you in quite a while and I sure was glad to get it. Every thing here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. There are rumors around here that Pete Perry's outfit is moving around here it sure would be some thing if that were true wouldn't it? I sent home another package yesterday in it were three bottles of perfume one for Anne, one for Mary and one for Mom a German shirt and some French and German coins. I have been getting quite a bit of mail from Geo lately I guess his seeing my name in the Cherbourg Red Cross did something to him for he is writing quite [a bit] after since then. The

weather here has been pretty good lately at least it hasn't been raining as much as it did when we first got here.

Well I guess that this does it for now but will write again very soon. .

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 8, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 10 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
8 November 1944

Dear Folks:

I received another one of Mary's V-mail today and sure was happy to hear from you all. I see that you are getting quite a bit of my mail well to tell you the truth I have never written so many letters in all my life than I have since I have come to France. You see there is very little doing around here and all that one does around here is go to town, so show or stay in and write letters. Right now it is raining cats and dogs out for I just got through eating and got soaked in the short walk from the mess hall to the building where we stay. Was glad to hear that Johnny Bilak is now home is he too stay home for good or does he have to report some where for duty? So the Wilczynski twins are now at Sampson how does Pat feel about them being in and he still being out. Well I guess that this does it for now for I just can't think of anymore to write about but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 9, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 20, 1944 4-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
9 November 1944

Dear Folks:

Didn't receive any mail today not even a V-mail from Mary, boy she sure must be slipping. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. Today was my afternoon off so I went to town and had my picture taken. It will be ready in about ten days and then I will mail one or two to you. I got a letter from Uncle George today he didn't say much but he did say that Nell [George and Nellie Skomsky from Berwick PA] was expecting to become a mother in March some time, but the Skomsky family sure is growing aren't they. Say Anne did you ever get that package that I sent home quite some time ago. If you did I sure hope that you would tell me for every once in a while I think about whether you got it or not. There is an U.S.O. show going on here tonight so I guess that I shall draw this letter to a close and see how that show is coming along. Will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 10, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 20, 1944 4-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
10 November 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from somewhere in France. This is the second day in a row that I haven't received any mail from you all but maybe I will get a letter tomorrow. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. George has quieted down a little in writing to me but for a while here he wrote me about four letters in a row when he saw my name in that Red Cross Club. Boy it sure is getting cold here now [?] days but as yet we have not had any snow. I imagine by this time it has snowed several times there already or am I mistaken. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 11, 1944 ...

[typewritten V-mail]

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 23, 1944 12-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE
11 NOVEMBER, 1944

DEAR FOLKS,

WELL HERE I AM AGAIN REPORTING AGAIN FROM SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE. I JUST RECEIVED ANOTHER TYPE WRITTEN V-MAIL FROM MARY, YOU KNOW YOU ALWAYS ASK ME HOW THEY COME OUT AFTER THEY ARE PRINTED, WELL HERE IS ONE SO YOU CAN JUDGE FRO YOURSELF, EVERYTHING, HERE IS STILL ABOUT EH SAME AND I AM FEELING FINE. SOME ONE HERE SAID WE HAD A LITTLE SONW HERE EARLY THIS MORNING BUT I COULDN'T REALLY TELL YOU THE TRUTH FOR I WAS STILL ASLEEP.

I JUST GOT THRU EATING CHOW HERE NOT MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES AGO, WE HAD HAM, DEHYDRATED POTATOES AND CORE AND IT WAS REALLY PRETTY GOOD FOR A CHANGE. I WENT TO THE SHOW LAST NIGHT AGAIN AND THIS TIEM THE SHOW WAS "GASLIGHT" WITH CHARLES BOYER AND INID IMGRAM AND I REALLY ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH.

I DIDN'T RECEIVE ANY MAIL FROM GEOREGE THIS WEEK, YOU KNOW HE MUST WRITE IN STREAKS FOR WHENEVER I GET ONE LETTER FROM HIM I CAN EXPECT MORE IN THE FOLLOWING DAYS. I HAVE BEEN WRITING TO AL ZANOWICK AND MIKE BROKAW BUT I NEVER SEEM TO GET AN ANSWER FROM EITHER OF THEM. I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I NEVER DO. I DO HEAR FROM TEDDY EVERY NOW AND THEN AND GET SOME VERY NICE LETTERS FROM HIM. BY THE WAY THAT REMINDS ME I HAVEN'T RECEIVE A LETTER FROM ANN NOW IN QUITE A WHILE, BOY SHE SURE MUST BE BUSY NOW THAT CHRISTMAS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, I IMAGINE THAT SHE IS JUST ABOUT THE SAME RUNNING AROUND LIKE THE DEVIL AND NOT GETTING ANYTING MUCH DONE. WELL THIS IS GOING TO BE THE THIRD CHRISTMAS THAT I'M ABOUT TO SPEND IN THE ARMY, I JUST WONDER AT TIME HOW MANY MORE I AM GOING TO HAVE TO GO THRU.

YOU ONE SURE HAS TO THINK OF A LOT TO WRITE AOBUT IF HE WANTS TO TYPE A V-MAIL AND FILL IT COMPLETEY, FOR IT SURE CAN TAKE A HECK OF A LOT, BY THE WAY HAVE YOU RECEIVED THAT PACKAGE THAT I MAILED SOME TIME AGO, IN IT WERE A LOT FO SOUVINERS FROM HERE IN FRANCE AND ALSO SOME PERFUME FOR ANNE. I DID MAIL ANOTHER PACKAGE THE OTHER DAY AND IN IT WAS MORE PERFUME, THIS TIEM FOR ALL THREE OF YOU AND FOR MOM, ONE FOR MARY AND ONE FOR ANNE.

I SEE WHER THE WILCYNski TWINS [John and Paul] ARE NOW IN SAMPSON, IT SURE WOULD BE SWELL IF THEY CAN STAY TOGETHER ALL FO THE WHILE, BUT I KNOW WAY THE ARMY RUNS THEY WURE WOULDN'T BE TOGETHER LONG IF THEY WERE IN THE ARMY. BOY YOU KNOW A LOT SURE HAS HAPPENED SINCE I LEFT FOR THE ARMY TWO YEARS AGO. FOR ONE I NEVER [?] THAT FACT PAUL AND JOHNWOULD GO INTO THE SERVICE SO SOON YET I CAN SEE [?] MISTAKE. DON'T FORGET AND GET ME EDDIE BOGNEN'S ADDRESS FOR I SURE WOULD LIKE TO DROP HIM A LINE. ALSO TO SEE STEVE GONZA ADDRE FOR I THINK I KNOW WHERE HE IS BUT AM NOT SURE OF HIS ADDRESS. YOU KNOW I [?] THAT YOU ARE WRITE ABOUT BUCKY FALLAT FOR I HAVN'T HEARD FROM HIM IN SUCH I DON'T [?] IT ISN'T EVEN FUNNY. WHAT IS THE SORY ON AL BAYUS I USED TO HEAR FROM HIM EVERY NOW AND THEN BUT AGAIN IT SURE HAS BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE I HEARD FROM HIM.

WELL I GUESS THAT THIS IS ABOOUT ALL FOR NOW, FOR I JUST CAN'T THINK OF ANY MORE TO WRITE AOBUT BUT WILL WRITE AGAIN VERY SOON,

Your Son
Walter

Walter ~Nov 11, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 11 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

[Typewritten poem]

Can't write very much – the censor's to blame,
 Just saying I'm well, and signing my name,
 Can't tell when I came here, can't tell where I'm at,
 Can't tell when I'll leave here, no one knows that,
 Can't tell what we're doing, can't describe this place,
 Just saying I'm healthy and still in the race,
 Can't mention the weather, can't say if there's rain,
 All military secrets must secrets remain,
 We work in the day time, stand guard at night,
 We live inside tents with candles for light,
 We exist on corned willie, with beans for desert,
 No table to eat on, we sit in the dirt,
 There are lots better places, some not so good,
 But we're not complaining; there's no reason we should,
 We jump into our bedsacks at the end of the day,
 And dream of our homes in the good U.S.A.
 Some days I'm happy, some days I'm blue,
 But the day doesn't pass that I don't think of you,
 All fooling aside, it's not really so bad,
 We laugh and we joke and refuse to be sad,
 Don't take me seriously, I'm having a time,
 This isn't much of a poem, but it sentences rhyme,
 This is enough nonsense for one person to write,
 So I'll call this my letter - - - and close with good-night.

Your son
 Walter.

Walter Nov 13, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 24, 1944 2-PM
 Cpl. W. Skomsky
 ASN 32547153
 100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
 APO 350 % PM
 New York, New York

Somewhere in France
 13 November 1944

Dear Folks:

I received two letters from you today from both Anne and Mary. I'm sorry that I'm not writing you all a much longer letter but you see I just got thru working , the time is now eleven thirty and I am pretty tired. Everything here is OK and I am still feeling fine. I was very happy to hear that you received my package with your perfume in it. Anne by the way did you get those postal cards of Paris, [blocked by censor] and [blocked by censor] and also those ash trays. Well today I visited Verdun I also bought some postal cards there and I will send them the first chance that I get. The weather here is still

pretty cold and also damp the fuel that is very hard to get used to but I guess we have just got to stick it out. There is all for now will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 14, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 17 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
14 November 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here is the letter that I promised you yesterday. I just got back from show again and this time it was "Two Yanks Abroad" and it also was very good. Everything here is OK and I am feeling fine so do not worry about me.

Yes I have met quite a few friendly girls over here a lot of them speak English but not any too well but I sure wish that I could speak French like they do English then it wouldn't be too bad. As yet I haven't received any packages since I have been here in France but I sure do hope that I will get one real soon.

Say Anne you had better open that perfume that I sent you for if you don't by the time I get home it will have all evaporated then all you will have is just the cork to smell and that will be bad. By the way you didn't mention the other stuff that I sent did all of that come thru too?

I didn't think that they would have a golf tournament this year for I am pretty sure they didn't have one last years so I guess that they didn't think it wise to hold one this year either.

There is also a cigarette shortage here for our weekly ration used to be seven packs per week but for the past two weeks all we have been getting is five and three packs respectively. Right now it is snowing like the devil out., the snow is If the heavy wet kind so I don't imagine it will stay on the ground long but melt right away and make the ground nice and sloppy.

I haven't heard from George once this week, I did write him the earlier part of this week but as yet haven't received an answer. I guess that you are right about Ozzie and Snuffy for it sure has been a long while since I heard from either of them. Well it is going on eight months that we have been overseas and really it doesn't seem half that long. I still haven't got those pictures that I mentioned in one of my previous letters but will send one home the minute I get it. I also am going to get some that us fellow have taken around different parts of France they are now being developed but don't know when they will be ready. By the way how about sending me Pete Casticiak's address I don't know where he is now but sure would appreciate if it you would do me that little favor.

By the way where is Josh now is he still in Italy or is he now too here in France.
Well I guess that this will be about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter ~Nov 16, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 NOV 16, 1944 4-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Dear Folks:

[poem section is typed]

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Can't tell when I'll leave here, no one knows that,
Can't tell what we're doing, can't describe this place,
Just saying I'm healthy and still n the raced,
Can't mention the weather, can't say if there's rain,
All military secrets must secrets remain,
We work in the day time, stand guard at night,
We live inside tents with candles for light,
We exist on corned willie, with beans for desert,
No table to eat on, we sit in the dirt,
There are lots better places, some not so good,
But we're not complaining; there's no reason we should,
We jubp into our bedsacks at the end of the day,
And dream of our homes in the good U.S.A.
Some days I'm happy, some days I'm blue,
But the day doesn't pass that I don't think of you,
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We laugh and we joke and refues to be sad,
Don't take me seriously, I'm having a time,
This isn't much of a poem, but it sentences rhyme,
This is enough nonsense for one person to write,
So I'll call this my letter - - - and close with good-night.

[the rest is handwritten]

I sent one of these before but wanted to find out some thing. Say Anne will you find out Steve Gonza's address for me. I think that I can get to see him if he is where I think he is. I got a faint idea of the outfit he's in but will you give me his address so I can make sure.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 20, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 DEC 2, 1944 12-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
20 November 1944

Dear Folks:

I am sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but you see we sure were busy and I sure was tired. Everything here is about the same also the weather for it rained cats and dogs all day today. I still haven't heard from George but expect to any day now. Boy what a radio we have here everyone in the room has been trying to get an English station but so far no one has succeeded. It is really something when all you can [hear] is French stations. I still haven't received any of those pictures that I mentioned to you quite a while ago but expect to get them any day now and then send them home to you all. Well I guess that I shall close for now but shall write again the first chance I get.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 21, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 2? 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
21 st November 1944

Dear Folks:

I have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you all in the past two days for during that period I had received three letters from Mary and one from Anne. Your letter Anne sure was pretty well beat when I received it today for it looked as though it was on the bottom of the ocean and then salvaged. Thanks for sending me a statement on my financial status for it really helped my moral a lot just thinking what a good time I'm going to have with all of that dough. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. Say Mom I see that you are getting along quite well in your writing and am awfully glad to hear it and you never can tell it comes in handy at different times. I still haven't received any of those pictures that I mentioned to you in one of my previous letters but will get them the first chance I get & that will be my next afternoon off. You mentioned my cold worrying Mom well to tell you the truth all it was was a little cough but after sleeping on the cold wet ground as long as we did

it's a wonder it wasn't something worse. Anne I am no where near where you mentioned and you can just forget those dreams you have, it just isn't happening here. I am very glad to hear that you and Mary are getting along much better for after listening to all the noise and arguments here and if you two start eh same there I promise to throw both of you right out on your ear. Do you remember how I used to hate to work overtime when I was home will here it surely is a different story the other morning I got up at six thirty and worked until five thirty the following morning. Of course I slept until three in the afternoon and when I did get up was I ever stiff, wow. I hope by this time that you all have received that perfume that I sent you, it was meant to be a xmas present so I really do hope that you get it by them.

Well I guess that this does it for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter.

Walter Nov 22, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 DEC 4, 1944 2-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 350 % PM

New York, New York

Somewhere in France

22 November 1944

Dear Folks:

I just got thru eating supper and I have a few minutes to spare before I go to a meeting which is scheduled at seven fifteen so I thought that I would drop you all a line. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. As usual we had quite a bit of rain today and to tell you the truth I don't like it one bit. Haven't heard from George now in about two weeks wonder why he doesn't write. Didn't get any mail at all today in fact on one did for the mail never arrived but imagine will get quite a bit tomorrow. Well I guess that this [is] about all for now but shall write again the first chance I get

Your Son

Walter

Walter Nov 23, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 DEC 4, 1944 2-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 350 % PM

New York, New York

Somewhere in France

23 November 1944

Dear Folks:

I just received your letter dated on October 17 th and was awfully glad to hear that you all received my package. That perfume was very good stuff and only hope that you received my other package with perfume for all three of you in it. I sure will be glad to hear from Louie Dickens for it sure has been some time since I have seen him. Was also very glad to hear you had a good time in New York and all of those place that you mentioned sure sounded familiar. I haven't received any of your packages as yet but hope to real soon. No I don't need another sweater for I already have two of them and only wear them once in a while. I think that I shall draw this letter to a close and go to [the] show, Music in Manhattan is playing did any of you see it?

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 24, 1944 ...

[There is an empty envelope in the album postmarked NOV 22, 1944]

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 DEC 6, 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
24 November 1944

Dear Folks:

I received Mary's letter today which was written on Armistice day and was very happy to hear from you all. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. Well tomorrow I think that I am going to get those pictures that I mentioned in one of previous letters and by the time that you get this letter they will probably be on their way. Well I received a letter from George today he didn't say much but I really was glad to hear from him. Yes I do drop Mr. Chenuansky [sp?] a line every now and then. I always liked hem and am pretty sure he enjoys hearing from me so when I get a little time I write him. I haven't heard from Teddy in quite a while and right now am waiting for an answer to my last letter. That's all for now.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 25, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked NOV 26 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
25 November 1944

Well here I am again reporting again from somewhere in France. I didn't any mail today but I did pick up those pictures that I mentioned to you quite some time ago. I had six of them made and to tell you the truth I really don't know what I am going to do with them all but I imagine I will get rid of them one way or another. The weather here has been very rainy lately in fact so much that some got into the [?] here which is called our theater and to nites show was cancelled. Got a letter from George yesterday he didn't say too much but I sure was glad to hear from him.

Well I guess that this does it for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter.

Walter Nov 26, 1944 ...

No postmark
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
26 November 1944

Dear Folks:

No mail today but I sure hope that I do get some tomorrow. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. I got a letter today from Joe Fallat and he to is now in France and from what he saw of it so far it [he] thinks that it is a very nice place. Well today we finally got a nice day and it didn't rain once but it was a little chilly. I have yet to answer George's letter and I think that I shall do it the minute I finish this one. I met a fellow from Pete Perry's outfit today and they are only twenty two miles from here I think that if it is possible I shall go down and se ehim. Well I guess that this does it for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 27, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 DEC 7, 1944 12-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
27 November 1944

Dear Folks:

Well I receive on of Mary's V-mails which was written on the 15 th of November and was awfully glad to receive it. I also got a letter from Geo. and Al Bayas who is also stationed in England now much to my surprise. Everything here is all about the same and I am feeling fine so do not worry about me. I still haven't received any of those packages that you sent me and to tell you the truth I have given up hope of getting them for it ahs been such a long while since you sent them. The rain has let up here a little but it sure has gotten much colder in the past few days. Our thanksgiving meal was the best we have had in quite some time and I do mean it was good. I had a menu that the passed out at the time and right now can't seem to locate it but will try and find it and sent it in one of my future letters.

Well I guess that this will [be] about all for now but shall write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 28, 1944 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 DEC 7, 1944 8-PM
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
28 November 1944

Dear Folks:

No mail again today but I sure hope that I go get some tomorrow. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. It is now about seven thirty and I guess that I will go to [the] show at eight-thirty but I thought I should write you all a letter before I went. The weather here sue has been cold lately and the rain has cut down considerably. As yet I still haven't received any of your packages but hope to any day now. There is a fellow from Auburn in our hospital his name is Stanley Fleozav and I was going up to see him but I just couldn't find time. I think that tomorrow that I shall go to see him. I'm not sure whether or not I know him but shall tell you in one of my future letters. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Nov 29, 1944 ...

V-mail No Postmark
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM

New York, New York

Somewhere in France
29 November 1944

Dear Folks:

No mail again today in fact no one received any but I sure hope that I get some tomorrow. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. I went up to see that fellow I mentioned in my last letter. I didn't know him previously but I saw him around plenty of times back home. Today was a very nice day and tonite it is even nicer. Well tomorrow is pay day again and I sure will be glad for it sure has seemed a long time that we got paid before. The mail situation here lately sure has been terrible and only hope that it will get better in the very near future which in the first place is being caused by the xmas rush. Well I guess that this will be about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 2, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked DEC 4 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
2 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but we sure have been busy. I have been receiving quite a few letters from you all lately but what I am looking for is the package for as yet I haven't received any of them. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. I received one letter with my name on it but it had George's address and all in all it took just a little more than 2 ½ months to get here. Thanks for sending me S. Gouza address I thought that I know where [he] was located but I guess I was mistaken, but I shall write him one of these days when I find a little time. I am enclosing some snapshots some of the boys I work with took, they were taken the day I went to Verdun to pick up some supplies. Have gotten one letter from Geo this week already, I forgotten what he had said in it but I guess that it doesn't make any difference for it wasn't important any way. I received a letter from Teddy yesterday & he enclosed a picture with it, boy, he surely has gotten big. Say Anne you had better open that perfume that I sent you what do you think that I sent it for just to be looked at, no sis, you open that or else !!! I was going to go to show tonight but it is a little chilly out so I thought it would be better to stay in and write a few letters so that is what I'm doing.

Well I guess that this does it for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 3, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked DEC 7 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
3 December 1944

Dear Folks:

I did received one of Mary's V-mail today, it was the first time that I have heard from you all in quite a while. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. Well how id you girls enjoy your Thanksgiving party, I hope that you all had a good time. As I told you before our meal here was excellent and I'm not kidding when I say that either and just to proof it too you I am enclosing a menu that they passed out that day.

Yes I know that Bucky is now here in France for so far I have received two letters from him. He things that France is a very nice place, I do to but there is too much rain here to suite me.

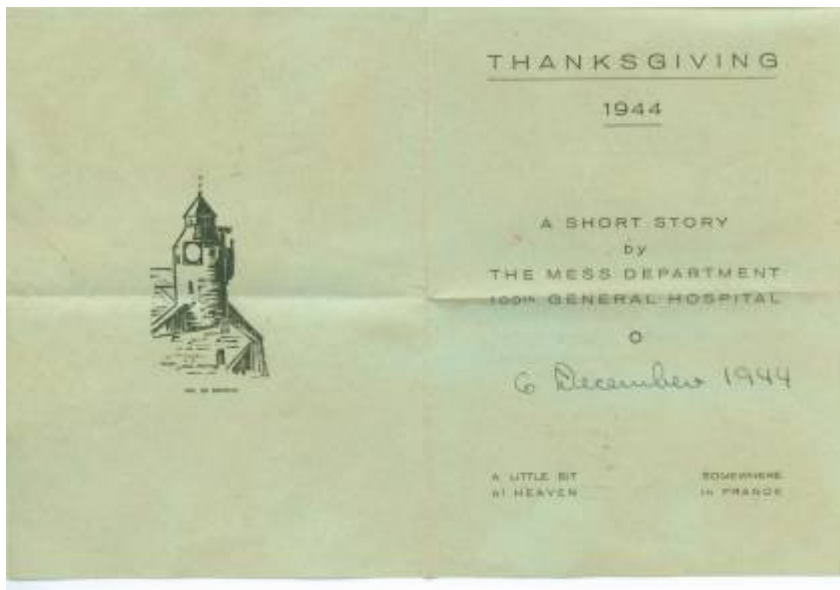
I am still anxiously awaiting those packages that you sent me for to date I have not received one. By the way have you received that perfume that I sent you all quite some time ago? I am surely looking forward to that magazine that you said you are going to send for any thing that concerns Teddy I am whole-heartedly interested in.

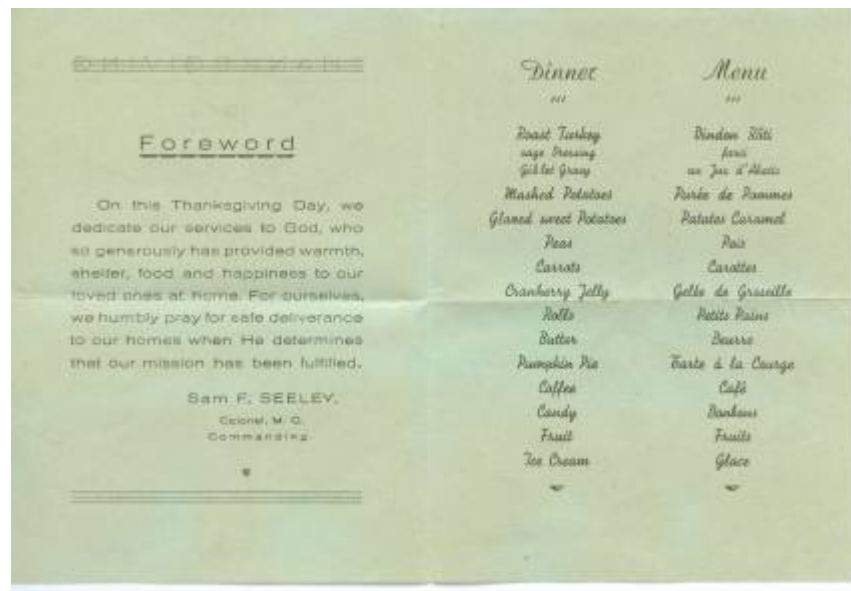
Well I guess that this will be all for now for it is pretty late and it is about time for bed for I stayed up pretty late last nite.

The next time that you make up a package for me inclose some tooth powder or past in it will you?

Shall rite again very soon.

Your Son
Walter





Walter Dec 3, 1944 ...

V-mail No postmark
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
3 Dec 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting again from somewhere in France. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. Today surely was a miserable day for all it did was rain. Didn't get any mail today but I sure hope to tomorrow. I haven't as yet seen Pete Perry but have a feeling that I will real soon. Boy I really am tired to-nite for I can hardly keep my eyes open while writing this letter. Say how is Pop is making out with that new house, by this time it should be pretty well done or hasn't he started to build it yet. Hope that by this time you all have received my perfume which I sent quite some time ago. Well I guess that this is all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 5, 1944 ...

V-mail No Postmark
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
5 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from somewhere in France. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. I received another letter from George today and I sure was glad to hear from him. I really don't know what to write about for I write just about every day and now its looks as if I am out of things to say. I did get a letter from Mike Brokaw today and it was the first time that I have heard from him in months, he still is in Italy somewhere. Well I guess that I shall draw this letter to a close for there is some sort of a variety show going on here tonight and guess that I shall take it in.

Will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 7, 1944 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked DEC 8 1944
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
7 December 1944

Dear Folks:

I received another one of Mary's V-mail today and I sure was glad to hear from you all. Everything here is just about the same and I am feeling fine. I see that George also sent a picture home, by the way have you received that one I sent quite some time ago. As yet it hasn't snowed here real hard but we have we have had flurries at different times. Say maybe that young priest will stay with our parish for that is what they really need down there but I'll bet you any money that the older people will put up a squawk and they will get another old priest. It is too bad that they haven't go a catholic league this year for this is the first time in many years that it wasn't being played. There is a very good movie playing in our-so-called theater tonight and guess that I will go to see it so I will close for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

[8 pictures enclosed none of Apples]



Walter Dec 8, 1944 ...

V-mail No postmark
Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
8 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from somewhere in France. I didn't receive any mail today and I sure hope that I will in the very near future. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. Right now it is raining cats and dogs and that's about all it does here every nite. I went to show last nite and saw Abbott and Costello in "In Society" and it was very good. I think that they are going to have another World Premiere this coming Monday the show being "Saratoga Trunk[", and as yet I do not know who is getting in it. I imagine that by this time it is pretty cold there by the way have they started to ice skate there yet?

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

[This letter is followed in the album with an empty V-mail envelop with no postmark]

Walter Dec 12, 1944 ...

Letter Postmarked DEC 13 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
12 December 1944

Dear Folks:

I received a letter from Anne today and sure was happy to hear from you all. This was the first time in three days that I had written you for you see for those days that I didn't write I was out on a trip in Belgium and Luxemburg picking up supplies. We sure did do a lot of traveling and saw many different things which some day I hope to tell you about. I know that you would enjoy that little poem I sent you for I really got a big kick out of it when I first read it. No Anne please Anne do not send me any sweater or any other sort of clothing for I have plenty here and have really no need for any more. I could

imagine what those boys at Sampson were like for here we get a lot of them so you see I too know what the story is. Say sister sister that is no joke about that perfume for all expensive stuff will do that and if you don't take my advise you'll be sorry. By the way that plastic ashtray was not the Eiffel tower on it but the famous cathedral in Reims and in my estimation it is even nicer than Notre Dame in Paris. By the way those postal cars that were sent from Paris is what the city like now for it was damaged very little in the past few years.

Thanks for sending me those addresses especially Pete's for I owe him quite a few letters but didn't have his address but now will try to catch up.

Well I guess that this does it for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Dec 13, 1944 ...

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New York, New York

France
13 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting again from the glorious place that they call France. Personally I wouldn't give any part of the gold old U.S.A. for it but never-the-less I guess that that is beside the point. Every thing here is still about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. I received a letter from Geo. today he didn't informed me too much of what was going on but it was good hearing from him anyway. At the present time I have full recuperated from that trip that had mention in my previous letter, boy that sure was a long one.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Dec 14, 1944 ...

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Somewhere in France
14 December 1944

Dear Folks:

I received another of Mary's V-mail today & was very glad to hear from you all. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. I just got back from the movies, the show being "Atlantic City" and to tell you the truth I didn't think too much of it. So far I have received two packages from the church and the other from Anne Guthrie and as to any of your package well I just don't seem to get them. Lately the weather here has been sort of chilly and right now my feet are sort of cold after sitting in that old barn watching that movie. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 15, 1944 ...

[This letter is typewritten except the signature and the sentence that follows the signature]

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Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Skomsky
123 Perrine Street
Auburn, New York

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) General Hospital
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
15 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from somewhere in France. Now don't ask me what ever made me type this letter but I thought that I needed a little practice so now is a good chance of getting it. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine and hope that this letter finds you all the same. I was going to go to the movies ton-nite but when I got there they kindly informed me that there wasn't going to be any movies ton-nite so I had to go back and write letters. I was going to shave to nite but some one turned off the water, oh well no water no shaving and that doesn't make me mad on bit. Boy the weather here sure has been cold lately and I don't mean maybe. There isn't too much snow around but never the less I'm just as happy for I never did care for snow anyway. I got a letter from Louis Warobick today and I sure was happy to hear from him, at the present time he is in some sort of a rest center fro I guess that his malaria is bothering him.

I am going to enclose some pictures that we took her in France quite some time ago, a few here, a few there and a few in Paris. I have some more coming to me but as yet they haven't been developed but will sent them the very first chance that I get. By the way have you received that perfume that I sent quite some time ago I had hopes of you getting it by Christmas and which indeed I really hope that you do. In the box were three bottles of perfume and also a German shirt that I picked up here in France somewhere. I still haven't sent that German helmet that I said I was going to but one of these day when I get the ambition I am really going to do it.

I have received one letter from George this week and I sure was happy to hear from him. He didn't say too much but that he was OK and not to worry about him and how much work he ducks out of every day, boy what a guy. By rights I should be up

sleeping but as yet am not sleepy but when 6 bells rolls around tomorrow I'll want to kick my self for not going to bed earlier. I Louis's Warobicks letter he said the Bill Gonza and Cha Olinik died here in France, have you heard anything about it, and if so when did it all happen?

This winter underwear that I have on sure is itchy for you see they are long John's and believe you me one really needs them here for when that wind starts blowing, look out. I could just imagine what Pa is going to say when he reads this but I'll bet if he were here he would have 3 pairs on.

As yet I still haven't received any of those package that you said that you sent me, you know I just wonder where the heck they could be. You know that is just the way our mail comes in one day you get a letter dated Dec 1 and then you get one the next day dated the 29 th of Sept, what really happens to the mail here on one can tell.

Oh yes Anne I got a letter from Steve Chernansky today and you could have knocked me down with a feather when I got it. I never thought that he would answer any of my letters but I sure do appreciate him doing so. I think that one of his daughters wrote it for him and inclded in it also was a letter written in Ukrainian, I could make out part of it but as you know my reading in Uke isn't any too good but one of these days I'll make it out. Thank him Anne the next time tha you see him for he is really one swell guy.

Well I guess that this will be about all for now but shall write (and I do mean write) again very soon.

Your Son,
Walter

Sorry but there are too many pictures, will sent them in my next package.

Walter Dec 18, 1944 ...

Letter Postmarked DEC 20 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
18 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting again from somewhere in France. At the present time I am feeling fine and hope that this letter finds everything with you all the same. I got a letter from Albert Bayus today he is about forty miles away from here and he knows where I am. He says that he is going to come down here to pay me a visit so I am anxiously looking forward to seeing him. The weather here has been really swell lately and only hope that it stays this way for a while. Haven't received any mail from you all in a few days now but imagine will get some tomorrow at least I hope so anyway. I did get a letter from George today, a V-mail at that and was very happy to hear from him. I am going to go to the movies tonite "Greenwich Village" is playing and from what I hear it was pretty good. Well Christmas was being just around the corner I imagine tha you all are pretty busy. I sure hope hat we all are home by next one.

Well I guess that this will be about all for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 1944 ...

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Walter Dec 19, 1944 ...

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France
19 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well no mail from any of you folks today but maybe I shall get some tomorrow. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. We sure have been having some wonderful weather lately and only hope that it will stay this way for a while. The mail sure has been coming in terrible lately and no one can seem to figure it out. I was going to show tonite but I saw it last nite so now I'll have to stay in and write some letters. Haven't as yet received any of those packages that you said you sent me but maybe one of these days one will show up and really surprise me. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 21, 1944 ...

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New York, New York

Somewhere in France
21 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well I received two of Mary's letters today and was very happy to hear from you all. Every thing here is still about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. The weather here is still very nice, I imagine that it won't keep up for much longer for it never did in the past and don't suppose it will start now. The next time you see that Sperro [?] fello tell him that I said hello will you for I did play quite a bit of golf with him quite some time ago. Well I guess that this will about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 24, 1944 ...

[On U.S. Army Stationary]

Letter Postmarked DEC 26 1944

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
24 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Boy what a heck of a way to spend Xmas eve, today is my half day off and just got thru catching up on all of my work so I thought that I would drop you all a line. Everything here is fine and I hope that this letter finds everything there the same. I just received Mary's letter which was written on Nov. 7 today although it was quite old it was very interesting and really do appreciate it. Receive one letter from Geo. today the second this week and he [has] been writing quite a bit to me. When you see Olga and Anne Fallat thank them for the cards they had sent me they were both very nice. Well I finally got myself a box for which I can send some stuff home., at the present time I have it half full with tow German helmets and am waiting for more stuff to fill it up then I shall send it on its way. I am enclosing a program from a show we had here the toher nite and the show itself was very enjoyable. This fellow Ray Moore who directed it used to arrange for Fred Warring and he really did a swell job in putting it over. The weather has been cold as the dickens lately, no snow but cold biting weather. From the last I heard Joe Fallat was some where here in France, I did receive one letter from him but imagine that he is too busy to be writing letters. I haven't heard from Teddy now in about three weeks and he hasn't answered my last two letters. I guess that I'll write him again and maybe he will answer this one. So far Al Bayus hasn't come down to see me but really expect him to drop in any day now, it sure will be good seeing him for the last time that I saw him was Nov 15th 1942 the day before I left for the army.

Well I guess that this will be about all for I can hear mess gear rattling as all of the boys are going to chow and if I don't hurry I just won't get anything to eat.

Your Son
Walter

THE
100TH GENERAL HOSPITAL

PROGRAM

HOLIDAY
GALARITIES

A Musical Review in
Two Acts

Directed By

1st Lt. RAY MOORE

TIME

December 27, 1944

11:30 P. 11:30 HOURS

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ACT ONE

- I Winter Wonderland..... 1st Lt. Ray Moore
and Chorus
- II The Unknown Wanderer.....
- III Accordion Specialty..... 1st Lt. Giffell
- IV Qu'ert Houf..... 1st Lt. J. Jones
Cpl. H. White
- V Guitar Specialty..... 1st Lt. Moore
- VI Delovely..... 1st Lt. Moore
and Chorus
- VII So Beets By Heart For You..... 1st Lt. Moore
- VIII Segrim..... Chorus

ACT TWO

- I Dink..... 1st Lt. Moore
and Chorus
- II G'ant Houf..... 1st Lt. Moore
Cpl. H. White
- III It Had To Be You..... 1st Lt. Moore
Cpl. H. White
- IV Dramatic Sketch--Directed by..... 1st Lt. Moore
Bank Peters, 1st Lt. Moore
Medical Officer, Cpl. J. Jones
Nurse, Cpl. H. White
Parrot, 1st Lt. Moore
- V A Fellow On A Furlough..... 1st Lt. Moore
and Chorus

- 2 -

- VI In Blue..... 1st Lt. Moore
Cpl. H. White
- VII Blue Skies..... 1st Lt. Moore
and Chorus
- VIII Nags..... Cpl. H. White
- IX It Could Happen To You..... 1st Lt. Moore
and Chorus
- X Great Day..... Chorus

CAST

JOHN MOORE BY JOHN MOORE
From the cast

1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore,
1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore,
1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore,

1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore,
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1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore,
1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore, 1st Lt. Moore,

To The Cast

Without your untiring effort and extreme loyalty--this
production would have not been possible.

May you continue spreading happiness among those who
could have so easily forgotten its meaning.

--- 1st Lt. Moore

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As Special Service Officer, I wish to express my sincerest
thanks to all the members of the cast for their untiring efforts
and loyalty in helping to produce this review and especially
to 1st Lt. Moore for his most heartfelt gratitude to 1st Lt. Moore and Moore,
who in spite of his illness and personal discomfort, has so ably
directed it all. I also wish to express my appreciation to John
Williams of the American Red Cross in her able direction of the
dramatic review. To you all I wish a Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year and extend the hope of myself and that of the entire
cast that our efforts have in 1944 shall have fulfilled your
hope and strengthened your determination that the Christmas
season of 1944 on earth will be a season of peace and goodwill
and will finally become a reality never again to be lost.

JOHN MOORE
1st Lt., 1st

CAST

Decorations With specialties to the author, 1st Lt. Moore
Decorations Director..... 1st Lt. Moore
Plans Background..... 1st Lt. Moore
(Courtesy 330 S. S., S.)
Stage Dresses & Costumes To..... 1st Lt. Moore
1st Lt. Moore's own designed by..... 1st Lt. Moore
Lighting..... 1st Lt. Moore
Stagehand..... 1st Lt. Moore

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Walter Dec 26, 1944 ...

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New York, New York

France
26 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but you know the way it is, Xmas holidays and all. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. The weather here sure has been ice here lately but it sure is cold as heck. I haven't heard from Geo all of this week but I hope to real soon now. It sure is funny the way he writes for if I get a letter from him one day I can always expect more the following days but when I don't hear from him it is for weeks at a time. We sure did have a very nice Xmas dinner, turkey with all of the trimmings and to the boot we had champagne to top it off. You know I am actually getting sick of that stuff and I assure you when I do get back to the states I will never touch a drop of it, who would at 1.00 to 1.50 a glass.

This will be all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Dec 27, 1944 ...

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New York, New York

Somewhere in France
27 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting on schedule from somewhere in France. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. The weather is still very nice but still is as cold as the devil. I just got thru dropping Geo a line although I haven't heard from him in quite some time now. Our mail here is still as terrible as ever and after times I wonder if it will ever pick up, sincerely I doubt it very much. I haven't as yet made up that package to sent home but one of these days something will bite me giving me ambition to make it up. You just wait and see.

Well I guess that this will be about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Dec 28, 1944 ...

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Cpl. W. Skomsky
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New York, New York

Somewhere in France
28 December 1944

Dear Folks:

Received tow of Mary's V-mail's today, the first that I had heard from you all in quite a while. Everything here is still about the same and I am feeling fine. The weather here is still as cold as the devil but as yet haven't had too much snow. Was going to go to the movies to nite but now something else has now turned up and just can't make it now. Do you remember that fellow that I used [to] hang around with here, his name was McCabe, well any he is on longe with this outfit for he was transferred to the infantry about two weeks ago. As yet I haven't received any mail from him but hope to real soon now. Al Bayus hasn't come down to see me yet but sure hope that he does come down pretty soon.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 4, 1945 ...

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New York, New York

France
4 Jan 1945

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written you all in the past few days but really didn't feel too much like writing and besides there wasn't too much new here. Am feeling fine at the present time & hope that this letter finds everything there the same. Haven't been getting too much mail here lately for it has showed up again. The weather here still is very cold but now we are getting much more snow. Al Bayus hasn't come down to see me as yet but I imagine he too is very busy. Was going to go to show tonight but they say the show playing is terrible so the heck with it. Will write again soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 6, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 9 1945

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
6-Jan-1944 [should read 1945]

Dear Folks:

Rec'd quite a bit of mail from you all to-day and was indeed very happy to hear from you all. You see this is the first time in quite a while that any of us have rec'd any mail and we all were very grateful for it. I guess it is now safe to let you know that I was just released from the hospital the cause being my clumsiness and dropping quite a heavy box on my foot, all is well and OK now so do not worry. I also rec'd a letter from Eddie Baguer today and I was very surprised to hear from him but never the less it was good hearing from him. The Tell-Dig and a copy of the Diesel news also reached me today as yet I haven't even had time to glance throu them but assure you that I will be the first that I get. There is really nothing new here and I hardly know what else to write about. Oh yes I rec'd a letter from Geo today and he told me that he met Mike Kaczwar in a church I guess. You know so far between us we have really met quite a few fellow from home but you just have it up to us Skomskys and if there is someone or thing to be found we shall do it. In answer to your V-mail Anne I do not mind it but seeing that Mary writes me so many of them I sure would appreciate an air-mail from you even though they are so far and few between. Say you did you get a nice Xmas present, me all I got was two banged up toes that was mighty nice wasn't it? As yet I have not rec'd any packages from home now those pictures of the family that you said Mary sent but I sure hope that I do get them pretty soon. Don't bother sending me any candy bars for I never did care for them too much and besides we get three or four bars a week here so that holds me up pretty well. Well I guess that this does it for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter.

Walter Jan 6, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked FEB 16 1945 "Free" marked in the corner.

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
6 January 1945

Dear Folks:

The mail has been coming in pretty good lately and sure hope that it keeps up this way for a little while longer. Just received Anne's letter which was written on the 22 nd and Mary's V-mail which she had written on the 31 st of last month.

So John Fallat is now home, boy I bet that he sure is glad especially after being overseas for such a long while.

Inclosed you will find some pictures which were take here in the area and also a few else where. I received another letter from Geo today, he is well and all that, you know he sure is a beaut and I get a big kick out of his letters.

Yes Anne I have received tow packages from home, quite some time ago I had received that package of Hershey Bars and they sure were good. They are all gone now and I really don't care for any more but seeing that George likes candy so much you had really ought to keep him well supplied.

Thanks for that compliment on my typing, but I'm not really that good all I can do is just enough to get along on maybe I'll improve one of these days but I doubt that very much.

The weather today was very nice just like spring. It reminded so much of those days when Geo and I used to take our golf clubs & go down the Casey park to practice, boy those were the days.

Only once did I see Al Bayus. He got a hold of my address some where and when he had time he came down to see me. It was nice seeing him, we had quite a nice talk and after that we went to town & had a few drinks and then soon after he left for his station.

So Premo is still in the states boy I don't know how he does it but imagine they will catch up to him yet, they always do any way sooner or later.

Our teeth are pretty well taken care of over here, incidentally I just go thru with the dentist after having tow small cavities filled and then getting them cleaned.

I see where quite a few of the boys have got married well what this war will do no one can imagine.

Well I guess that this will be all for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 7, 1945 ...

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Cpl. W. Skomsky

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New York, New York

Somewhere in France

7 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again as per usual reporting from here in France. I am feeling fine so do not worry about me. Well I hope that all of you folks enjoyed yourself yesterday and to-day and only hoped that us both could have been there. [Christmas in on Jan 7 in the Julian calendar] At the present time it is snowing like the devil but it is not too cold so you see it isn't too bad. As yet I have not received one package from you, I don't know

how many you sent but so far none have arrived. Received a letter from Geo in what he said that he met Mike Kacymac in church or did I tell you that before.

Well I guess that this is will [be] all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 8, 1945 ...

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New York, New York

Somewhere in France

8 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Boy this sure has been an exciting day for me today for you see Al Bayus came down to visit me. I was indeed very happy to see him for the last time I saw him it was the day just before I entered this army. We had quite a talk with him and believe you me he sure is having quite some experiences at the present time he is [blocked by censor] and the first chance that I get I am going to go up to see him. I also got a letter from George today he is all well and OK and things are just going fine with him. I was awfully glad to hear that you had finally received that perfume that I had sent quite some time ago from which I learned in Mary's letter today. As yet I still haven't sent that other package that I said I was going to send but one of these days I'll send it you just wait and see.

Well this will be all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 9, 1945 ...

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ASN 32547153

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New York, New York

Somewhere in France

9 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Once again I write from here in France and another day has gone in which I did not receive one letter. I am feeling fine and things here are pretty good and hope that things there are the same. There isn't much that I can write about but I shall try to fill up this V-mail anyway. The weather here is not too cold but lately we sure have been getting plenty of snow. I still haven't received any of your packages that you sent, whenever I hear from George he always mentions that he is getting packages but I never seem to

have any luck but I imagine one of these days one will finally get here. This will be all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 10, 1945 ...

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New York, New York

Somewhere in France
10 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Didn't receive any mail today not even a V-mail from Mary but that is the way things go, some days we all get a lot of mail but the other days we don't get boo. Things here are the same, I am feeling fine and hope that all is well there. I was going to go to the movies tonite but much to my dismay there isn't one tonite so I guess I shall sit here and write more letters. By the way where is Teddy now any way, I have written to him at least four letters but as yet have not received an answer to any of them and it must be two weeks now since I wrote him the last one.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 12, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 14 1945
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APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
12 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well another day has passed without me getting another letter but I did get a package from the Hershey Company. All together I got 48 Hershey Almonds and boy they sure are good. Thanks a million Anne I sure do appreciate all you have done. At the present time I am feeling fine and hope that tall is the same way with at home. Well we got a new commanding officer in the other day our old one being transferred to a more important job. This new one of ours has been overseas for four years and was in the

Canadian army before he was transferred over to the American Army. The weather here has been very snowy lately but it isn't too cold and there sure is a big help. I haven't heard from George this week at all but expect a letter any day from him. I sure would give anything to find out what the heck is the matter with our amil here but I suppose no one will ever find that out.

Well I guess that I shall draw this letter to a close for I thing that I shall take in a movie tonite. I shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 13, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JAN 7, 1945 8-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

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New York, New York

France

13 January 1945

Dear Folks:

You know it has been such a long while since I last got a letter that I can't even remember when it was that we had our last mail call. I just got back from the movies the show playing was "Mrs. Parkington" and it was very good. Of course we all froze while we were seeing the show but it was well worthwhile and besides there wasn't anything else doing around here any way. The weather is still very cold and there is quite [a bit] of snow on the ground. Well I really don't know what else I could write about so I shall close for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 14, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JAN 24, 1945 10-AM

Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

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New York, New York

France

14 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well another day gone and I didn't receive any mail boy what a life this has turn out to be for I didn't get one letter in the past five days. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. Boy this mail situation sure has got me mad I wonder

where the heck it could all be any way. I imagine that it is pretty cold back there by this time well it is the same way here although we haven't had any snow in quite a few days now. Well I guess that this will be all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 15, 1945 ...

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New York, New York

Somewhere in France
15 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well another day has passed without receiving a letter. I guess that this is the sixth day that no one has received any mail it sure is funny. Besides not getting our mail there isn't any thing new, I am feeling fine and hope that all is well at home. After I get through with this letter I guess that I will go to the movies I think that "In Our Time" is playing and from all reports I heard that is pretty good. I am still working at my same job that is in supply and I like it very much considering how long I have been at it. Well I guess this is all for now shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 16, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 19 1945

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
16 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from some where in France. Well this is the seventh day in a row that no one here has received any mail boy I sure hope that we get some pretty soon. I just got thru writing Geo a letter it was awfully short but I thought I would drop him a line anyway. The weather here is still very cold but it really isn't too

bad. I imagine that it is pretty cold there now is there much snow around there? I just got through with another shot this time it was tetanus and boy how I hate to get those things.

Well I guess that this does it for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 18, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 FEB 3, 1945 8-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 350 % PM

New York, New York

France

18 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well I finally receive some mail today but none of it was home, one letter was from George and the other was from Bucky Fallat. Right now it is raining like the devil out for I just walked back from the movies and I got myself pretty wet. The show playing was "Until We Met Again" and it was one of the best movies that I have seen in a long while. Well how is everything at home and how is everybody feeling. George in his letter didn't say much but that he is no longer in or near Cherbourg and that his new location was pretty cold. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 19, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 FEB 5, 1945 12-M

Cpl. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 350 % PM

New York, New York

Somewhere in France

19 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well I received two letters today one that I wrote about five months ago and which they finally decided to return because I had the wrong address on it and the other was from Mike Brokaw. Everything here is fine, I am feeling well and hope that everything there is the same. It is now about nine days that any one here has received any mail from the states and once more I repeat I can't understand why our mail isn't coming thru. The weather has really been awful lately for if it isn't raining it is snowing and

there if it isn't those two it is as cold as the devil you see it is pretty rugged here. I never saw such changeable weather in all my life it is even worse than the weather in England. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 20, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 22 1945
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
20 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting again from somewhere in France. Everything here is just about the same and I am feeling fine so please do not worry about me. As yet I did not receive any mail but I did get a package to-day and it was from home too. I want to thank you all very much for it and it was a very nice package. In the future do not send me any more cigarettes for from what we are hearing here they are very hard to get there and know how much Pop likes to smoke I hate like heck to see him go without them. In the past week we have been getting five packs a week and it is more than enough to last me for you see I don't smoke too much.

The only reason I am typing this letter is that the typewriter was just fixed and it works pretty good, but to top it off it was I that fixed it so you could imagine how well it works.

Right now it is snowing like the devil out and it is pretty warm. It is although very icy and it is harder than heck to walk. How is the weather back there now any way? I got a letter from Bucky Fallat yesterday and he send me Josh's address who now is in a hospital somewhere in England. I think that I shall drop him a line one of these days, boy you know it is about time that he was sent home for he sure has been overseas for quite a while. There is another fellow from Auburn in the hospital and his name is Joe Casparro and he lives on Washington Street, as yet I haven't been over to see him, I started to a couple of times but never got there for various reasons.

Right now the radio is going full blast and in German at that, you see one of the fellows here can speak and write German very fluently and while the character is jabbering away on the radio this boy of ours is translating it for us, by the sounds of things the German's are wining the war on all fronts. The radios here sure do not help very much for you see every time a program in English starts the Hienie's bust in with their 15 centry music. There is a program that the German have here that is in English and it really is a honey. They play nearly all of the latest American music and all that sort of stuff and even at the end of the program they wish all the allied troops a lot of luck, ain't that something?

I was going to go to the movies to-night but I just learned that I saw the show while I was in the hospital with my injured foot, the show was "Louisiana Hay Ride" and personally I think that it stunk. We have a show practically every night and that makes it pretty handy, sometimes they have good shows but other times they aren't so good, I go

to almost all of them for there is nothing better than I could do around here except maybe sleep and I assure you that I get plenty of that.

You know it is a very funny thing but in the last three weeks I have wrote Teddy about four letters and not one has been answered yet. Frankly I think that he is no longer in England but [t]his is only my guess, or else he is there and that he is too busy to write. George writes me very frequently and I sure am gled to hear from him whenever I get a ltter from him. Say by the way were is Uncle George now, you used to write me a letter very now and then but it has been at least three weeks since I have heard from heim.

Well I guess that I shall close for now but shall write again very soon,

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 21, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 23 1945

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.)Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
21 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Have a few moments to spare so I thought that I would drop you all a line. As yet I still have not received a letter of any sort from home and it has way over a week since I had gotten the last one. I did get a letter from Al Zanowick today and he still is in England. Golly I wish that I knew what to write about but I'll be darned if I can thing of anything to say. It is still snowing out and we really have quite a bit of snow we really have quite a bit of snow out, it at least isn't too cold so you see it really isn't too bad. The radio is going full blast and with German music at that but what is one going to do when that is all that can be gotten.

Well I will call it quits for now, and hope to receive a letter from you all real soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 23, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 26 1945

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.)Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
23 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Well I finally received some mail from you all today and was very happy to hear from you all. I also received those pictures that Mary included and they really and truly were very nice and appreciated them all very much.

Golly I didn't know that Mrs Cable died when did this take place for I first heard it in Anne's letter which I received today.

The last time I weighted myself I tipped the scales at 175 that I roughly tow pounds more than I did when I entered the army. No folks I don't want anything from home we get quite a bit of stuff here and what we don't get we can get along with-out.

There isn't much new here for it is about the same old story. The weather has been pretty cold lately and we sure are getting plenty of snow around here. I got a letter from George today he didn't say too much, he is well and still kicking and spent the holidays in Cherbourg.

I think that I shall go to the movies to-night, "Step Lively" is playing with the voice Sinatra, if there was some thing else to do around here I assure you that I would never go but as the circumstances stand its go there or to bed and it is a little early for bed.

By the way did you all ever received that picture that I enclosed in one of my more previous letters, if you haven't don't worry about it for it was a terrible one any way.

Well I guess that this will do it for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 26, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 29 1945
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
26 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Once again I am here reporting from some where in France. I didn't receive any mail today in fact the past few days I didn't have any. Every thing here is just fine and hope that things are the same at home.

The weather here has been very cold lately, not much more snow has fallen but my god it's cold.

Well tomorrow is another inspection day and how I do detest them, I guess no matter where one is in the army they shall always have inspections. In one way I can see its good points but here at this point of the game I most certainly think that it is very foolish but I imagine that it give the big shots something to do anyway.

Well I am all through with the dentist now, I went only two times one to have a small cavity filled and this second time they cleaned them for me and they most certainly do feel good.

Well as you probably know they are taking quite a few fellows from organizations of this sort and putting them into the infantry. About a week ago they held a exam for all

us men to see whether or not we were fit for the infantry and so far we have not received the results.

I haven't heard from Geo in a few days now but expect a letter from him any day now.

Well I guess that this does it for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 27, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JAN 7, 1945 8-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
27 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Didn't receive any mail from you all today but sure hope that I will get some tomorrow. Every thing here is just fine and hope that things there are the same. The weather here is very cold although we haven't been getting too much snow lately. From the looks of those pictures that you sent me you must certainly do have a lot of snow there, how is it now do you still have much around. Went to show last night and saw "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" and thought that it was very good., by the way have any of you seen it yet.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 28, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JAN 30, 1945 8-PM

Cpl. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
28 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Received quite a bit of mail today in fact two letters from Mary and one from Anne which was dated the 14 th of December. Was glad to hear that you had received my pictures no I haven't gained any weight that is not much to speak of.

Thanks Mary very much for that Xmas present it sure will come in handy some day and from the looks of things that day isn't too far off, I hope, I hope. Yes those ten dollar bonds are something new, just for the boys in the service and to tell you the truth they are pretty handy.

I know that I am requesting very few packages, here we get quite a bit of stuff and well the stuff we aren't getting we can just have to go without, that is for the duration only.

Yes Mary told me about that snow fall, here we get quite a bit but imagine it doesn't ever compare with it all back there. So Joe Bishop is still in the states how he does it I'll never know but that is the way things go. I received a letter from Ted today the first in quite a while and was very happy to hear from him. He is still well & kicking but squawked like heck because he has to spend another winter over here & that he had a terrible time over the holidays but what a guy.

The Xmas present you bought for every one Ann were very nice at least I thought so and do hope that they all appreciated them. To date I have received one package from home and also the Hershey bars and I thank you very much for them. Personally I do not like to get V-mails and would greatly appreciate it if you would continue to write air-mail for to me it seems more welcoming than a V-mail. Moms don't ask me why I write so many V-mails for that is an entirely different question.

I sure do hope that Perry gets that judge's job, he really is a good man for it and besides he is a regular fellow.

Well I guess that this is will be about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jan 29, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked FEB 1 1945

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
29 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Our mail has been coming in pretty good lately for yesterday I received three from you and today I received another one from Mary.

Everything here is fine and hope that all is well at home. Well I had two visitors yesterday Peter Perry being one and with him was Gus Garvas who now is a patient in Pete's hospital. We had quite a talk together and it sure was good seeing both of them.

The weather here is still very cold and really hope that it lets up soon for it is too cold for me.

I got a letter from Joe Fallat, he didn't say too much for I imagine things are pretty rough with him, no matter where he is he always manages to drop me a line, good old bucky is still quite the boy.

At the present time "Show Business" with Eddie Cantor and Geo. Murphy are playing at our theater, I was going to go to-nite but seeing that I received a letter from Mary I thought that I would stay in and answer her letter.

Haven't heard from Geo in a few days now but imagine one will be dropping my way from him pretty soon.

Golly I wish I knew what to write about but there isn't a thing new around here that is worth writing about so I guess I'll sign off for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 30, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked JAN 21 1945 "Free" marked in the corner

Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
30 January 1945

Dear Folks:

The mail sure has been coming in pretty good lately for today I received two more letters, this time from Mary, they were a little old but I was very glad to get them. There isn't much new here for it is the same old story.

The weather here is pretty cold with quite a bit of snow, how is it there are you having much snow lately? I also received a Xmas card from Mr and Mrs Chernansky [Steve Chernansky was a bar tender at the Ukrainian club in Auburn] it sure was very kind of them wasn't it?

Well they started some more baloney around here yesterday and that is us getting up at 6:00 every morning with ten minute exercises and that sure is a pain.

I think that I shall take in a movie tonight for I didn't go yesterday. Our theater here is fixed up pretty nice and warm as toast which is much more than could be said about that old barn that was previously used for a theater.

Boy time surely is flying around here for tomorrow is another pay-day & this is the tenth pay that we have received overseas. I sure hope the heck ten more doesn't await us for that would be disastrous.

Well I guess that this will be about all for now for I can't think of any more to write about but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jan 31, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked FEB 12 1945
Cpl. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
31 January 1945

Dear Folks:

Didn't receive any mail today but sure hope that I get some tomorrow. Things here are about the same, am feeling well and hope that all is well there. I found quite an interesting article in the Stars & Stripes and am enclosing it, save it will you and some day shall explain it. I received a letter from Uncle John and was really very happy to hear from him. He gave me all the news around Berwick, he is working quite long hours and at the same place I guess. I haven't heard from George in quite a few days but imagine shall hear from [him] real soon.

The weather here has warmed up quite a bit and might now is sloppy as heck. You know if it isn't one thing it is another for in this army there is always something to yell about.

This shall be all for now bit shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walt



Walter Feb 1, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 FEB 17, 1945 8-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
1 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Well as you can see it is no longer corporal but Sergeant now after holding the old rating for exactly thirteen months. Golly I sure was surprised when they called my name for it but never-the-less very happy.

Besides this there is not much here, the weather here today has been very warm therefore it being very sloppy. Haven't heard from George either in quite a while but imagine will be hearing from him real soon.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 3, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 FEB 5, 1945 8-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
3 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am once again reporting from somewhere in France. I didn't receive any mail from you today but I sure hope that I will receive some tomorrow. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. I wish that I know what to write about but I'll be darn if I can think of anything to write about.

The weather here has been pretty nice the past two days and I sure hope that it stays this way for a little while longer for the cold weather that we have been having does not agree with me in the least. I haven't heard from Geo in quite a while now but imagine will receive on any day now.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 5, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked Feb 7 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster

New York, New York

France
5 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Have receive quite a bit of mail from you lately in fact I must have at least 10 letters here in front of me at the present time and don't know where to start to answer them. I also received two Diesel news and I sure enjoy reading them. There isn't much new here for it is the same old story.

The weather here has been pretty rainy lately although it has been much warmer. Was happy to learn that you all had received that perfume that I had sent and also that you are using it for you know I didn't send it to be looked at.

I haven't heard from Geo in quite a while now I sure hope that he writes real soon for I do enjoy hearing from him. So Bud Leary was at Ft. Meade well I'll bet by the time you get this letter he will be overseas some where.

Was very happy to learn that Josh Fallat is now at home, he really deserves to be there for he has been over-seas for quite a while in fact too long. We have been over hear a little while longer than ten months and it sure can't last forever, is has got to end some time that is at least what we keep telling ourselves.

I think that I shall quit for now I don't feel like writing tonight but shall write again tomorrow.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 7, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked Feb 9 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
7 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Well once again I am here reporting from somewhere in France. I didn't receive any mail today in fact I didn't expect any but imagine some will find me tomorrow.

Everything here is just fine and hope that things at home are the same. Right now it is raining cast and dogs out and just got soaked in the little walk from the mess hall to this building.

The cigarette situation around here seems much better for last week and also this one we had received seven packs. This is really very good for previous to this we had gotten five packs and if we didn't get that we didn't get any thing.

I just got thru listening to the news a few minutes ago, it sure does sound good doesn't it but nothering will sound better as when this thing ends. We have a pool here as to which one can gues sthe day the war will end it cost 50 francs that is about 1.00 in [English crossed out] American money.

Well I guess I'll sign off for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter.

Walter Feb 8, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked Feb 8 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
6 February 1945

Dear Folks:

I received another letter today, a V-mail in fact from Mary dated Jan. 23 and was very happy to hear from you. I also received a letter from Geo today, he is well and just as soon as I finish this I am going to answer his letter. Every thing here is fine and hope that things at home are the same. There isn't much new around here for it is pretty much the same old story I sure wish that I could think of more to write about but I just can't do it. The weather has been pretty much the same, warm but still as rainy as ever. The news sure does sound pretty good lately doesn't it, I sure hope that it keeps up for this thing can't end too soon for me.

Well I guess that I shall close this letter for now , shall have to write Geo tonight and then go out for a beer and then to bed. Shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 9, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked Feb 11 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
9 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Received two letters from you today, Anne's letter which was dated the 26th of Dec. and Mary's V-mail which she had written on the 26th of January . Now don't get the idea to write me V-mail all of the time for truthfully I don't particularly like getting them. Just keep up the way you have been, numerous V-mails from Mary and a nice long letter from Anne once in a while.

Was awfully glad to hear that you had received the perfume before Xmas, for a while I thought that it was lost somewhere but as it was it turned out OK. I finally wrapped another package to night one that I was going to wrap about two months ago and just got around to it, boy what a busy man. In it are two German helmets, some pictures

taken here in France, some wooden shoes which I picked up on my last trip to Belgium and some more French and Belgium coins. I hope that you receive this package real soon, I don't know why I send those helmet but I thought they were sort of nice to have around so do not throw them away when & if you get them.

There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story, the weather has been real nice lately, no rain, no snow, just nice weather and really it is very surprising.

So John Durvetsky is home now, I never knew that he was over seas and if he was how did he ever get to go home so soon, how some of these people do it I shall never know.

So Helen Rudik got married well in my estimation she was always a pain anyway, she sort of pulled a smooth deal well I hope that she did the right thing.

Receive a letter from Teddy today & all is well with him. I sure did miss that guy he really is one great fellow. If we ever get a furlo from here, which is now the subject everyone is talking about I'm going to try to get to see him.

Listen that Sitsch [?] is, was, and never will be a good club, wait till the boys get back to the club and will see who is going to have the better club. So Primo is still in Washington my god, how can Marion afford to take so much time off just to see Primo after all does she realize how much money she is missing figure it up & then tell her & I assure you she will be back by plane just kidding & after all I have to fill up this sheet. By the way did you know there is a paper shortage here in the ETO ?? [European Theatre of Operations]

Well I guess that this does it for now, shall write again very soon, OK.

Your Son

Walter

[There were 2 Ukrainian clubs in Auburn, the Ukrainian National Club at the corner of Cottage and Washington Streets – this had more social activities and was the more popular club for George. This club had a bowling alley and basketball court. The Sitsch Club was at the corner of Washington and Perrine street. Just north of that was the Falcon club]

Walter Feb 11, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked Feb 13 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
11 February 1945

Dear Folks:

I received that Diesel News that Mary had mailed on the 5 th of January, thanks a lot Mary I sure did enjoy reading it.

Well there isn't much new around her for it is about the same old story, I am feeling fine and hope that things are the same at home. I did receive a letter from Geo today he is well and all that and is impatiently waiting until he gets home so he can get my golf clubs that I promised him, play me for money and live on that, he sure is a

character isn't he. Today I also receive[d] a letter from good old Bucky , he too is well and still kicking.

The weather around here has been pretty rainy lately in fact it has rain[ed] every day for quite a while now, well just let it rain all it wants too it will quit when it gets good and ready so the heck with it.

Well I guess that this shall be all for now but will write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 12, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 FEB 23, 1945 1-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
12 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Seeing that it has been quite some time since I wrote you a V-mail I thought this would be a good time to write one just before hitting the hay. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story, am feeling fine and hope that this letter finds all well at home. I went to Verdun today to pick up some supplies and it rained like the devil both ways, boy what weather. At the present time we are pretty busy but really don't mind it seeing as how the thing is going now. Well it won't be long before good old spring will be rolling around back there, how is the weather back there now any way.

Guess this will be all for now shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 15, 1945 from Lt. Wolff...

Lt. AMWolff 0-1587029
100th Gen Hosp
APO 350 %PM
N.Y.N.Y.

15 Feb 1945

Dear Mrs Skomsky:

I was certainly happy to be able to suggest your son's name for promotion to the Colonel last month; and I was even more pleased when the Colonel put his O.K. on it. I certainly enjoy working with him, and know that he deserves to be a sergeant.

I don't think that he's changed much since you all last saw him. In fact except for a brief interlude – the mustache era – I think he'll be coming back to you just about the

same as when he left. He's certainly thinking of that day. He looks fine, is in the best of health and is always cheerful – even when I'm pouring the work on him!

He had a bit of trouble with his big toe New Year's Eve – after a drink of so! It's quite an interesting tale! He claims a box in the supply room did the trick but I think a beer keg was the more likely "box". If he hasn't already written you of this – er – interesting incident make him do so. But, get the straight dope; if he doesn't tell everything – well I can write too.

Let's all hope that we'll all be home soon with our families.

Sincerely,
AM Wolff

Walter Feb 16, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked Feb 18 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
16 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Golly I sure did receive enough mail from you folks today and I want to thank you all for every bit of it. Now let me see in all I think that there were five letters, four from Mary and one from Anne and a Valentine Card from each of you, thanks a million kids they were all appreciated very much.

There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. The weather has been real nice today just like it was yesterday and I guess I told you about it in my letter on that day. I am feeling fine and hope that this letter finds you all the same at home.

I see where you girls had quite a party on New Years and I imagine that it was especially nice for Josh Fallat who has just returned from overseas. You know Anne I wouldn't call Josh a sucker for spending money like he did, what he went there and all of that while money being of so little value to him I don't blame him one bit for letting it go like water. Boy that guy ought to be ashamed of himself for taking a swing at Josh, if that ever happened to me when I get home I assure you some one will get beat up and it won't be me.

So you really tied one on the other nite Anne, well save up your energy kid for one of these days we'll both go out & really tie on a good one, that is of course if you are willing.

I sure hope that you get that package soon that I had mailed from here about a week ago, in it were two German helmets, remember me telling you I didn't know what you could do with them, well I got a good idea use them for cuspidors. I 'm sure that will just about serve it's purpose.

So the old boy is finally changing his views in life, well its about time, when is he going to buy that new house for Mom? The French people here are really leading a tough life, fuel is very hard to get and they have quite a time finding ways of keeping the houses warm, every once in a while you see a woman washing clothes in a nearby creek, no matter how cold or warm it is one can always see this sight.

So Perry's son will soon be here in the ETO it is too bad that he is coming over here so soon but the way this army works no one can understand.

I hear from Teddy quite regularly & he never mentioned the fact that he expected to be home by Easter time so I guess it is just another rumor. When I met Teddy Welgoss in Paris last Sept. he told me that he really expected to be home by Xmas, I see where some one must of snafu-d up his plans if you say that he is still here.

As for me I do not care for the Citizen, for I don't know I just don't care to read it here.

Well I guess that this shall be all for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 21, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAR 3, 1945 8-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
21 st Feb. 1945

Dear Folks:

Am only writing a V-mail tonight for I have quite a bit of work to do. Your mail has been coming in pretty good lately although today I didn't received any mail. Every thing here is fine and hope that this letter finds things at home the same. Have had quite a few letters from Geo lately, he is fine. The weather here has been real swell lately, real spring-like weather and honestly hope that it will keep up and not get rainy like it was a few week ago. Haven't seen Al Bayus only that once that I wrote you about quite some time ago, I did write him a few letters but as yet have not received an answer. To date had only received two packages from home, one with the Hershey Bars and the other which I know you had made up quite some time ago. Boy you folks are sure paying plenty of income tax, will that is the way things to, the more you earn the more you have to pay. So Jean Ryan's husband is now back in the states, I know that he was coming, she told me that she had expected him around Xmas but I guess his plans were sort of fussed up but was very happy to hear that he was back in Auburn again.

Well I guess that this is does it for now, shall write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 23, 1945 ...

[This letter is typewritten] Letter Postmarked FEB 4 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster

New York, New York

France

23 February, 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from somewhere in France. At the present time things here are just fine and hope that this letter will find everything there the same. Have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you all but today no one got any mail, sure hope that some comes in tomorrow. The weather here has been real nice lately, sure wish that there was a golf course around here somewhere but as yet have not had any luck locating one.

Have been hearing quite regularly from George in fact I got a letter from him yesterday and you know it sure is good hearing from him and I'm not kidding either. From my latest calculations he is in either Verdun or Reims none of them being too far away from here. I sure wish that he would drop me a hint as to where he is for I sure would be glad to go down and pay him a visit.

Well today we just learned that we have earned one bronze battle star, we are getting it for the battle of northern France, and who knows before this thing is over we all might be decorated with two or three of them. What counts the most is the fact that they are worth 5 points when mustering out of the army so you see it really helps quite a bit. Oh well such is life and well imagine that one will get out of the army just as well but with two or three of those things maybe they will get out faster, I hope so anyway.

I have been hearing from Ted quite regularly but haven't heard from Al since I last saw him quite some time ago. I guess that I'll drop him and line and find out how things are going with him. You know I received those Hersey Bars a long time ago if that is what is worrying you, I told you in one of my previous letters but I imagine that you never got that letter or else it is still on its way. How is the weather there now a days, are you still getting a lot of snow or has it ceased a little?

Low Warobick wrote me a letter a little while ago and honestly he sure is a character. It seems that he was in Bastogne when all that trouble was there, and about two weeks ago he got two or three days off, well anyway he was asked if he wanted to go to Paris, he declined the invitation because he said that he wanted to see his buddy who was in the 300 th General Hospital, that's me, after searching all the different directives and all they told him that there was no such outfit as the 300 th General Hospital, he insisted that there was and after a few hours of searching they finally gave up, thinking that they couldn't locate it for him it went somewhere else for a few days but when he returned my latest letter was waiting for him and when he saw that return address he almost blew his top, and when he told me what happened in his latest letter I laughed so hard that there were tears in my eyes. It was really too bad that he didn't remember the correct number of this Hospital for I sure would of like to see him.

Well Anne what kind of a time did you have at the dance that you attended at Sampson, I'll bet there were more sailors there than you ever saw in your life, am I right or am I wrong? I imagine that that place is really quite a big place now, how many sailors do they have there anyway?

Well I guess that I shall close for now, will write again very soon

ALL MY LOVE,
YOUR SON,
Walter [signed]

Walter Feb 26, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAR 7, 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
26 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Once again here I am reporting from some where in France. Everything here with me is just fine and hope that this letter finds all the same at home. The weather here has been real nice lately and it is really a surprise to find it such for the length of time we have had it. Haven't heard from Geo this week as yet but imagine one of his letters will find me shortly. I hope so anyway. The mail situation hasn't been too good here lately, you know it runs in streaks for at times we all get it real swell but still there are days when we don't get any for four or five days. Got a letter from Uncle Geo. Yesterday he writes me [invariably?] it is really very nice to hear from him. Well I guess that I have written enough for the present time, it is really a good thing to write V-mail when there isn't much to say for now. So long but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Feb 27, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAR 12, 1945 12-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
27 February 1945

Dear Folks:

Well have another day has passed without receiving any mail, I do hope that some comes in tomorrow for at times it is pretty discouraging when mail doesn't come here and when you wait all day just for mail call. Everything here is about the same and I am feeling fine. The weather is still very nice and can't quite understand it for it is really too nice for it to keep up any length of time. Well it soon will be a year that this organization has been over seas that being one year too long although that time did pass very fast and only hope that our stay here in the future passes just as fast or maybe just a little faster than the time already spent here did.

Well folks I guess that this shall be about all for now, shall write again very soon so all my love until that time.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 2, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAR 12, 1945 2-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
2 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Has been quite a few days since I have rec'd a letter from you surely hope that I get some tomorrow. Things here are about the same am feeling fine and hope that things there are the same with you. The weather here is just fine and has been for the past week and honestly hope that this weather will keep up indefinitely. Haven't heard from Geo this week as yet but imagine will be hearing from him real soon. How is the weather back in Auburn, are you still having a lot of snow or has it ceased since that big snow storm quite some time ago? How about that convict that escaped from the institution have the officials or the draft board caught up with him yet?

Well I guess that this shall be all for now, shall write again real soon and hope that I shall receive some of your mail very shortly.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 5, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked MAR 6 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
4 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Just received Anne's letter which she had written on the 16th of last month. I was the first letter in about a week that I had gotten so you [see] I was very happy to hear from you all. Things here are about the same I am feeling fine and all that and do hope that things with you all are the same. So John Schwartz is home now boy what a lucky

fellow, the last time I saw him was about two years ago and he had to drive Baguer's car home from Syracuse because Eddie was so stewed, by those were the days.

Thanks for the information on my financial status you know it's good to get a report like that every now and then for it does same thing to you. Geo surely is catching up to me isn't he, oh well the more he gets the better it will be for him in fact I guess you can say that about both of us.

So Mr. Leary's son is now in France, good luck to him wherever he is and may this thing end before he sees any action for I know I wouldn't like to be in his shoes for any thing.

The weather here has been very nice the past week or so and only hope that it continues like this for an indefinite period.

It most certainly was news to me that Bill Pysuack now owns the Belvidere, it must of cost him a lot of money and now only hope as you do that it will be a big success for him.

Let me know when you receive that package I sent you quite some time ago, there were some pictures there that I wouldn't want lost so be careful when you open it not to throw them out.

I didn't know that Father Lysiak died when did this all take place?

Well I guess that this shall be for now but shall write again very soon.

All my love
Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 5, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAR 14, 1945 4-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
5 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Didn't receive any mail from you all today but I did receive a package and it sure was might swell. In it were some nuts, candy, shaving cream, tooth paste and some other stuff that will come in pretty handy. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. The weather is still might swell although the past few days it has been a little colder than we ordinarily have had. Well tonight I am going to do something different, that is am going to take in some fight that are going on here in this nearby town. They had some last week and from all reports they turned out very good so today I am going to give it a try. Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

George Mar 6, 1945 ...

AIR MAIL Letter Postmarked MAR 6, 1945
Pvt. G. Skomsky 32939401
Btry "B" 133 AAA
APO 654 C/O P.M.
New York, New York

France
March 6, 1945

Hello Everybody,

Well, here I am again and I sure did have a nice day today. After trying for at least five months to try and see Walt I finally seen him today. Yep, the Battery Commander got a truck for me and they took me down and back and it sure was good to see him. You know he is now working in the hospital and I imagine he can't do nothing else because of his knee. He was in the supply room working when I opened the door and he was so astonished he couldn't talk for a few seconds. Well, he didn't change one bit but I am still taller than he is and half of the boys down there didn't even believe we were brothers. He certainly has a nice bunch of guys with him down there and I guess they are also all from someplace in New York. Well all I can hope + pray for is that they will let me go down + see him again. You know I am so happy now that I seen him and I sure hated to leave but I guess I just didn't have a second choice.

How is everybody at home these days and I hope the heck that you are all alright. Well, I guess with the dong around there he can keep up all of the spirits and I sure hope the heck I brought him along with me. I guess all he has to do is just raise heck around the house and every body will like him. I guess it won't be long before he will be working on the garden again and this is where Mom gets here garden finished two months before time. Boy, I know when I was home working on that garden I never got any work done and it surely cost plenty for me to work. Well, after all I did belong to a good union and I never did any to much work.

How is the weather back home now and I imagine it should of stop snowing by this time. Over here we have been having some nice weather with a little rain here and there but we are so used to that we don't even mind it any more. Boy, I'll never forget the first days we spent here in France and I thought it would never stop raining.

Well, I think that Louis P. is over here in England now and I imagine it won't be long before he will be here in France. Boy, I remember how I wanted to be an aerial gunner like him but I never make it so I guess it is best where I ended up in. I guess John M. is headed for the Southern Pacific now and if I'm not wrong I think he is already on his way over there. Well one thing I can say aobu them guys is that they will certainly lead a nice life when they do get over.

This is about all I got to say for now and I hope to hear from you soon.

Your Son
George

Walter Mar 6, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked MAR 8 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
6 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Well folks it happened and I consider today on of the luckiest days that I have spent overseas for you see Geo came down to visit me. When he walked into the door of the place I work I was so astounded I didn't know what to say or do. Golly he looks so big & healthy that at the first glance didn't even recognize him. Remember how skinny he used to be well he is no longer that way and he looks strong enough to pull a Mac truck.

He didn't have much time in fact he came in about two thirty but we had a nice long chat and I also gave him a few things that things that he needed. At the present time he is situated in Verdun a town that is approximately fifty or so miles from here and believe me that first chance that I get to see him I am going to take a trip up his way. No kidding I can't get over the fact of how good he looks and I'm not just kidding when I say that either. He thought that our hospital was pretty swell and mentioned the fact of how soft we live as compared to his outdoor life. Boy that kid never forgets for when I first left for the army I told him he could have my golf clubs and he didn't forget to mention fact to me.

I sure wish the hell that this war would end soon for him just being here for the few moments he had made home seem so close, oh well this thing can't last forever and has to end some day.

This shall be all for now, shall write again very soon.

All my love
Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 8, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAR 22, 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
8 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am once more reporting from somewhere in France. Aside from George paying me a visit a few days ago there really isn't anything new around here. The weather for the past week or so has been awfully cold and damp and really at times you wonder how one single country could have so much bad weather. The news certainly

does look good doesn't it, I sure wish that it could kept up and ten maybe this thing would end very soon. There is a pretty good U.S.O. show tonight and guess that I shall drop over and see what it is all about. I am feeling fine and hope that this letter finds you all in the best of health. Guess that I shall close for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 9, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked Feb 4 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
9 March 1945

Dear Folks:

It has really been quite a while since we have received any mail here and honestly would give five hundred francs if some one would give me the answer. Today has been the first day in quite a while that it has been nice and really wouldn't mind one bit if it stayed like this for weeks to come. Went to the barber shop today and go my self a nice short hair cut and it sure is a honey in fact I fear taking my hat off out side for some of the armed guards aroundfor might mistake me for a P.W. If this war keeps on going like it his this thing might end real soon and as a matter of fact the ending can't come soon enough for me.

Well I guess that this does it for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 11, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAR 23, 1945 [JM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
11 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Well ere I am once again reporting from somewhere in France. At the present time things around here are about the same and am feeling fine. The weather has turned

out out to be OK this week and hope very much that it stays this way for an indefinite period. I haven't heard from Geo since I saw him last but expect to receive a letter from him any day now. The mail has been coming in terrible this week. I guess that I have received one letter from the whole of this week but hope very much that it shall improve in the very near future. How is the weather back there, has there been any improvement or is it the same way? Well I guess that I shall call it quits for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 12, 1945 ...

V-mail No Postmark
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
12 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Didn't receive any mail from you all today but sure hope that I shall get some tomorrow. Everything here is still about the same and feeling fine and all that and hope that things at home are the same. The weather here is still fine and hope that it doesn't turn bad now. I was going to see some fights tonight but they were call off for some unknown reason so now am here writing a few letters before I hit the hay. I did receive a letter from Ted today, he didn't say too much but am always glad to hear from him. I most certainly wish that I had something more interesting to write about but I'll be darned if I can think of anything so I guess that I shall call it quits for now but shall write again real soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Mar 13, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked MAR 4 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
13 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am once more writing from here some where in France. At the present time things here are OK and I am feeling fine. There are quite a few fellows out in front of this building hitting a ball around and guess that I shall join just as soon as I finish this letter.

The weather has been real swell today for it was very similar to that of the kind that comes in mid-summer.

The mail is still as bad as ever for it isn't just coming in, sure wish that that I know the reason but just can't figure it out. It gets sort of discouraging at times in writing letters when one doesn't receive any but I guess the only hope is to keep on writing and maybe one of these days some of that long lost mail will come into view and pop up in this direction.

Well I guess that I have written enough for this time, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 14, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked MAR 16 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
14 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Today has been a pretty good day for as mail is concerned for in all I think that I had received seven letters. Those were from Mary with one church bulletin enclosed and two were from you Anne. That paper that the parish puts out is very interesting and it would be especially nice if it is kept up and not disbanded like a few other things that were started.

Was glad to hear that Geo had sent a few things home for I know it will be especially nice for him when once he gets home and looks them over and starts to think where and what he was doing at that particular time, bringing back those memories that I know will be laughed at and maybe thought as "those tough days" not being so.

Speaking about those French girls, yes, some are pretty and some are not and believe you me I personally have one heck of a time trying to understand them, one of these days I'll pull that phrase you mentioned Anne and you alone will be responsible for the action that takes place.

The weather has been real nice today any hope very much that it will stay this way for this is the weather that agrees with me. This statement probably doesn't mean very much to you but if you had seen and went thru as much rain & mud you would hope for sunny weather too.

Our department just got thru with a game of volley-ball, a league has been organized and today was the beginning of it. We played the mess department and very luckily beat them two out of three games.

Here on the continent they do not have any such thing as U.S.O.'s but it is the Red Cross. Of course they are as scarce as hens teeth but I guess that is their business.

The cigarette situation has improved greatly in the past month or so for now regularly we are getting seven packs per week. Really Anne I wouldn't care for any thing from home but don't worry when & if I find need for some thing you shall be notified.

When I met Ted Welgoss in Paris last September he had then hoped to be home for Xmas, I see where he was detained but never the less am happy to hear that he is on his way to the U.S.A. Yes, Al Bayus does have a desk job and in his last letter he told me he was going to pay me a visit soon but when I really don't know. That hospital in Fort Dix that Josh Fallat is at is the one this organization ran for a short period when we were at that station. It is really a very nice place and some of the best doctors [] army & civilian can be found there.

Well I guess that I have written enough for this time, I shall write again very soon.

All my love,
Your Son,
Walter

Walter Mar 17, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked MAR 20 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
17 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Have a few minutes to spare so I thought that I would drop you a line. I went up to see Geo yesterday and all is well with him. This is the second time that I have seen him, he coming down here once and I going up there. Geo certainly does look good and he is as big as a house.

Beside I seeing him there isn't much more new around here. Oh yes our outfit is putting on a stage show here tonight from all reports from those who saw it this afternoon it was pretty good.

They recently opened up a ice cream bar here on the post and they sell real good to honest cream and all sorts of cocs and boy they sure are good.

Tomorrow I think that I am going down to see Pete Perry who is situated not too far from here.

Well folks I guess that this shall be about for now but shall write again very soon.

All my love

Your Son

Walter

Walter Mar 20, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked MAR 22 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
20 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you lately and it sure is welcome after that long period of us not getting any. There isn't a heck of a lot new around here for it is about the same old story. At the present time we are re-decorating this place and all I have been doing for the past days is painting. I haven't seen Geo since I saw him three days ago but I did go out and see Peter Perry yesterday. The weather has been real swell for the past week or so and honestly hope that it keeps up.

Mary has been sending me quite a few letters, you know it's a funny that but in many of her letters she starts off by saying that there isn't much to write about but yet before she is done she fills up two or three pages, how she ever does it I will never know.

The news surely has been looking good hasn't it, lets hope that the successes shall continue and maybe this thing shall end real soon.

No folks there isn't anything I need but when there shall be I will let you know so don't worry.

Well I guess that this will be all for now, will write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

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I certify that the enclosed articles are bona fide gifts from a member of the armed forces of the United States on duty outside the continental limits of the United States and under Public Law 79* are entitled to free entry.

Signature Sgt Walter Skensky

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10 FEB 1945
(date)

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Walter Mar 22, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked MAR 23 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
22 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Have a few minutes to spare so I thought that I would drop you a line. I didn't receive any mail from you today but hope to tomorrow. Quite a bit of mail did come today but it was all old stuff and I did get three letters but the latest one was dated the fifth of December.

Say Anne Lt Wolff received that letter you had sent him and it sure was a corker. He let me read it and when I read all those PS's that you had added on I almost died laughing. There really isn't much more to the story about my broken toes one of these days I'll tell you but it will have to be an awfully cold day let me tell you.

The weather is still as nice as ever and do hope that it shall keep up.

We had another volley-ball game today and as per usual we lost although it was a lot of fun.

Haven't heard from Geo since I saw him, he was moving you know but imagine I shall hear from him the first chance that he gets to write.

Well I guess that this shall be all for now, shall write again very soon.

All my love

Your Son

Walter

Walter Mar 23, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 5, 1945 10-AM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
23 March 1945

Dear Folks:

I received Anne's letter today which was written the seventh of March and to say the truth it was very long and very interesting. I had planned to write a nice long letter in return but due to the fact that I just got thru playing ball and want to go to the movies in about a half hour I'm afraid that this V-mail will have to serve its purpose, OK. Things

here are about the same am feeling just fine and hope that this letter finds you the same. Am glad to hear that you had receive those pictures I had sent you, that particular one with I and another fellow was taken in Luxemburg some time in December. It sure was cold out that day and it's a wonder that those cows in the back ground didn't freeze. Well I guess that this will be all for now but shall write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 25, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 6, 1945 10-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 350 % PM
New York, New York

France
25 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Here it Sunday afternoon, there isn't much doing around here so I thought I would drop you all a V-mail. Golly it sure is a beautiful day out, and there [is] quite a few fellow out playing baseball and volley ball on the field just across from our establishment. The mail has already come in for today and I receiving any letters, oh well what I won't get today shall catch up to me some day in the future. The news certainly does look good now doesn't it, maybe if it can be dept up for a few weeks this thing will be over with. Golly won't it be a happy day when this thing is over with and it won't be too soon for me.

Haven't heard from Geo. Since I saw him last week but imagine I should be hearing from him any day now.

This shall be all for now, shall write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 26, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 date not legible
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
26 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Just got back from the movies about two minutes ago and thought that I would drop you a line before hitting the hay. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. Today it rained and it was the first time n quite a while that it has done so. Well how is everything at home and what is new? The mail hasn't been too good here lately but have hopes of it improving in the next day or so. Sure wish that I could think of something to write about but that I just can't seem to do. The news has been real swell hasn't it all but that part where they intend to send service troops to the Pacific area and that is mighty bad. Well I guess this will be all for now but shall write again very soon. p.s. Please note new APO no !!!

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 1945 Newspaper article Joe Fallat killed...

[The album has one page with just this newspaper article and written " Fallats Received Telegram of Ozzies death on March 3 rd 1944]



Walter Mar 27, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR [], 1945 12-M
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
27 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Went to a movie tonight and it was so terrible that I had to walk out on it – the name of the picture was “Guest in the House”, I don’t know who acted in the picture and care – less but if you ever get the chance to see the movie pass it up. The mail situation has turned for the worse in the past two days maybe it is because our APO number has changed but hope very much that it shall improve shortly. The weather hasn’t been too good in the past two days for it has really been dull and drizzly. The news is now on but one [two lines blocked by censor] and doing a pretty good job of it.

Well I guess that this shall be all for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Mar 29, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked MAR 31 1945 5 PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
29 March 1945

Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from some where in France. Every thing here is about the same am feeling fine and all that and hope things are the same at home.

You know the last time I saw Geo up at his place he gave me a shell that was fired from his gun. It is a ninety milo – meter anti – aircraft shell and when he gave it too me I told him I was going to make an ash tray out of it and today I completed it. I am going to mail it home the first thing in the morning and whenever you receive it please let me know. All parts of the shell are harmless for it has been fired and truthfully it is really quite a nice thing. Completed ash trays similar to it are as scarce as hens teeth that is why I would like to know when & if it arrives safely at home.

The mail situation has gone for the worse again, hope very much it will improve shortly but you know how things are.

We have had rain for the past three or four days and it being that way only hope that it doesn't effect the war news.

Well I guess that this will be all for now, shall write again real soon.

All my love

Your Son

Walter

[Photos of the ash tray mentioned. George Skomsky had given this ash tray to Benjamin Skomsky]



Walter Mar 31, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked APR 3 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
31 March 1945

Dear Folks:

Rec'd Anne's letter today which was dated the 14th of March and was very happy to hear from you all. I know you folks would be quite pleased to hear that Geo and I had met, we saw each other twice before Geo was shifted to another place. It is quite easier for Geo to find me for you see we stay in one place where as Geo moves around every now and then. The last time I saw Geo he gave me an empty shell which was fired from his gun, after a few days work on it and a few brilliant ideas I mad an ash -tray out of it and at the present time it is on its way home. When and if you do get it please let me know for I would like to know very much when it gets home.

Things in general are about the same here, we have had quite a bit of rain in the past three or four days and hope very much that it will stop real soon.

I rec'd all of those easter cars that you folks had sent me, thanks very much they were really nice. I am pretty tired tonight so I guess that I shall close but shall write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 1, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 10, 1945 2-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
1 April 1945

Dear Folks:

Didn't receive any mail from you folks today in fact no one got any mail for none came in. Things here are about the same. Do you remember that electric razor that I bought a long time ago, well I would like very much if you would send it to me, I know no one is using it at home so I might as well have it here where I could put it to some use. The weather has turned for the better again and sure wish this time that it shall stay that way. Well I guess that I shall call it quits for now but shall write again real soon.

Don't forget to send me that electric razor.

Well I guess that this is about all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 4, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 14, 1945 10-AM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
4 April 1945

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but we sure have been busy. Frank Banan came down to see me yesterday & I was very surprised to see him. The last I heard of him was when he was going to be discharged from the army and he pops up here in France, boy what a life. The mail situation has turned for the worse again, I hope very much that it improves very shortly but one can never tell those things. The weather has become nice again and personally hope that it will stay this way for many days to come. There was an U.S.O. show here on the past but didn't go due to the [fact] I was playing ball and had forgotten all about it.

This is all for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 7, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 14, 1945 4-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
7 April 1945

Dear Folks:

Here I am once again reporting from somewhere in France. Everything around here is about the same but we are busy as heck. I don't know where all these fellows are coming from but they are pouring in here fast and furious. The weather has been very nice here and today it is really beautiful. I rec'd a letter from Geo a few days ago and all is well with him I have been playing quite a bit of baseball lately and it sure does seem funny playing the game after I have left it alone for such a long time. Remember I used to play a lot of it before I started to caddy and then all my interest went into golf where it still is.

Well I guess that this is about all for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 8, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked APR 10 1945 5 PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
8 April 1945

Dear Folks:

The mail is finally getting to come thru again and I rec'd two letters, one from Anne and the other from Mary which had the church paper enclosed. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. The weather is still very nice and hope that is doesn't change.

I guess tha I shall take in a movie for it really has been a long [time] since I last saw one. The news surely does sound good doesn't it who know this thing might end

pretty soon, I hope. From the talk around here I sure hope that this outfit doesn't head for the Pacific for I am sure that that wouldn't suit me one bit.

Yes Lt Wolff let me read that letter you sent him and I sure did get a big kick out of it, by the way he is now a captain which he received yesterday.

Yes I write Jean Ryan every now and then, say what is the story on her getting an annulment, it sure came as a surprise to me.

Golly I wish that I know what to write about but I'll be darned if I could find any thing to write about.

Shall write again soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 10, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 19, 1945 12-M

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
10 April 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from somewhere in France. I received two letters from Mary and also your Easter card, thanks sister it was mighty swell of you. There isn't much new for it is the same old story. I was going to go to the movies tonight but I played ball until it was too late so there I couldn't go. The mail situation has turned for the better again and hope very much that this time that they it will continue. I wish very much that I would know what to write about but I just can't think of any thing to say so will close for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 16, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 APR 24, 1945 4-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
16 April 1945

Dear Folks:

Have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you all, especially Mary and I certainly do appreciate it. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story, how is every thing at hoe. Rec'd a letter from Geo today and all is well with him. The weather most certainly has ben nice around here lately and one thing I msut admit they most certainly do have a nice spring around that is unless I am fooling my self and this is an exceptional one. The war news is very good now-a-days isn't it, sure hope that this thing ends soon. It will soon be three years on the army for me. I never thought when I entered that I would [be] in that long but I guess that is just one of those things.

This is about all for now, shall write again soon.

Your Son
Walt.

Walter Apr 19, 1945 ...

[This letter is typed except the signature] Air Mail Letter Postmarked APR 21 1945
Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York
France
19 April, 1945

Dear Folks:

Have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you all and I most certainly do appreciate it all. Your letter of April 2 nd arrived yesterday and it most certainly did hurt me to find out about Joe Fallat. Some how I just can't believe it for it just can't seem true. The day before I received your letter I wrote him a letter for it was such a long time since I heard from him. I know all the boys will miss him for he sure was a swell fellow.

Was glad to hear that you all received my package with the German helmets in it now there is another on the way in fact there is two of them, one with the ash tray that I made, and the other a bracelet for Anne that I made from some Belgium coins.

There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story, the weather most assuredly has been nice lately and now only hope that it will continue. I just got back from a movie, that name of it was Tampico, and I guess that it was the third or fourth time that I had seen the movie. I also received a letter from Geo today and all is well and OK with him. I haven't seen him for quite a while now and in fact I don't even know where he is but if one of these days I will find out & I will make sure that I will see him a few more times.

Yes Anne, Jean Ryan told me about her husband quite some time ago. In her last letter to me she inclosed a picture and it was a very nice one too. She tells me that she now owns a car, have you seen her driving it as yet? The news most certainly does look good now a-days doesn't it, I sure hope that it would keep up then maybe this thing would end sometime. It soon will be thirteen months that we have been overseas and that sure is a very long time isn't it? I hate to even think of the thought of going to the Pacific but at the present time it is the most talked about thing around here. So Perry's son is now in the hospital here in France, do you know by any chance which one he is in, or event the number of the Hospital Plant?

There was a very big inspection around here today for you see there were about six or seven Commanding Officers from other hospitals in this locality that got together and inspected, and from latest reports it cam out pretty good. We sue do have our share of

inspection around here for every day or so they are going to have one. I haven't heard from Teddy now in about a month or so, I guess that I'll drop him a line and find out the trouble. I hear from Al Bayus every now and then but it also has been a very long time since I last heard from him. By the way what is Josh Fallat and Eddie Bogner doing now a days, are they stationed in a definite camp and do they get home often?

Well what is new with every one at home and how is every one feeling? I imagine that by this time that burg is pretty dead but still from your latest reports they must be building quite a few new places there. By the way how is Bill Pysnak making out in his new venture, sure hope that he is making a success out of it, I don't see why he shouldn't for he was a pretty popular guy and every one seemed to like him pretty well.

When I first started to type this letter I thought that I really had a lot to say but after I started I didn't find it so, so will close for now, but shall write again real soon.

LOVE
YOUR SON
Walter

Walter Apr 23, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked APR 25 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
23 April 1945

Dear Folks:

Rec'd Annes letter which was written on the 7th of April and was very happy to hear from you all. Everything here at the present is fine and the weather is still very nice although a bit chilly.

Am enclosing a few things that I bought quite some time ago so I hope that you receive them OK. The mail situation has been pretty good lately & sure hope that it stays that way.

The new APO of ours is just one of those things that doesn't mean anything but a change of a number. I have already see Frank Bavan as I told you before and he looks pretty good.

Yep tomorrow is my birthday and the old boy is getting quite old, entered the arm when I was twenty and even after three years later do not see a possibility of getting out real soon, boy what a life.

So the old boy finally wants to own a house, its about time & I'll forget those arguments we used to have about that, remember.

That new place of DeFrevio's sure does sound snazzy, has it officially been opened yet? So Mike Kaczmov is now home, give him my regards the next time that you see him will you? Say how about Johnny Ty where is he now a days is he still over here in France or is it Africa.

Well I guess that this shall be all for now but shall write again very soon.

All my love,

Your Son,
Walter

Walter Apr 26, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked APR 29 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
26 April 1945

Dear Folks:

Thanks for the might nice birthday card which you had sent me, I sure do appreciate it.

Right now it is raining like the devil out, there was a ball game scheduled for tonight but was post-poned so am staying in and writing letters. Was glad to have my financial status sent to me boy that sure is growing isn't it. So Tom Bradley called you up from Syracuse the other day, how long is he home for any way? He seems to be an OK guy but it has been such a long while that I have seen him I can't even remember what he looks like.

Sure wish that that ash tray which I made gets home OK, I'm sure you all will like it for at least it is something different.

So Peter Welgoss is now home boy his military career was certainly a short one wasn't it.

Didn't do much on my birthday for really there isn't much that one could do around here. No I don't think that you should say anything about the boss getting a promotion, of course if he answers your letter you could sort of casually mention it to him some time.

Well I guess that this is all for now but shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Apr 28, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAY 8, 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

France
28April 1945

Dear Folks:

Received two letters from Mary today and I sure do appreciate them. Things here are about the same, am feeling fine and all that and hope that everything at home is the same. Recieve two letters from Geo. Yesterday and all is well with him. As you probably know he now is in Germany and he says that the place sure is beat up, well they deserve every thing of that and may be more. Al Bayus is also somewhere in Germany and he says the same thing. Just got back from the movies, "Together Again" ws playing & it was very good.

Guess [this] is all for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Apr 30, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAY 10, 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM

New York, New York

France

30 April 1945

Dear Folks:

I received another of Mary's letter today and in it was that message that the new priest had sent and I thing that it was a very good idea. Everything here is about the same and hope that things there are the same. I am going to go to the movies tonite "Yellow Canary" is playing it is the first time it is playing here so I don't know how it will be. The news most assuredly does sound swell lately doesn't it, maybe this thing will soon be over, I hope, I hope. Have you folks received that ash tray that I sent quite some time ago, don't forget when you get it please tell me so.

Well I guess that this will wind up this V-mail for today but shall write again very soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter May 4, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAY 10 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM

New York, New York

France

4 May 1945

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in the past few days but you see folks we have been busy as heck & I didn't write any letters to anyone. I am mailing another package home to you today, in it is some nice material (German) a fur[?] jacket and some other do dads. Let me know when you receive it will you and also those other packages that I sent quite some time ago. I haven't heard from Geo in quite a while now but imagine I will be hearing from him real soon now. Sure do appreciate all the letters Mary has been sending me for I sure do get a lot of mail form her.

Well I guess that this will be all for now but shall write again real soon.

All my love

Your Son

Walter

Walter May 9, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE Date not legible

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France
19 May, 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am once again reporting from here in France. Well got notice today that they no longer are censoring our mail here in the unit and we have got [to] seal the envelopes. It has been over 14 months since we all have done that and at first I imagine that it is going to be as funs as heck. If there are any questions as to where and what I have done since I am here over seas well just [ask] the questions & I will try to answer them., I hope.

I wish very much that I would have something to write about but I just can't think of any thing is say. I just got back from the movies "Devotion" was playing and I didn't like it too well.

Well folks I guess that this does it for now, shall write again real soon.

All my Love,

Your Son

Walter

P.S. Here are more pictures.

Walter May 10, 1945 ...

[V-E day was May 8, 1945]
Air Mail Letter Postmarked MAY 13 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Somewhere in France
10 May 1945

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written you all in the past few days but have been too busy, not working but celebrating. It sure was good news wasn't it, now maybe one of these days Geo & I shall be home, I hope, I hope. We still have quite a bit of work to be done around here & imagine we shall get on it one of these days. The weather has been very nice around here lately sure hope that it keeps up for when it is bad it is miserable.

There is too much noise around here to be writing letters but shall write again real soon.

All my love
Your Son
Walter

Walter ~May 13, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked MAY 27 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France
13 March 1945 [might be May based on location being in the hearing]

Dear Folks:

Just a line to let you know that all is well here and hope that things with you all are the same. We were supposed to play ball here tonight but I guess before we get started it will rain for it sure does look like it now. Yesterday I received a letter from Geo. it was the first one that I had received from him in a long time & I sure was happy to hear from him. He didn't say too much [about] Germany but I guess that he doesn't like it too well just like every one else that is there. The mail has been coming in pretty well lately, I haven't been getting too much for I guess that I do not write too many. At the present time we are not too busy but just enough to keep so going. We now have another commanding officer, he is the third one that we have had since we have been overseas, he has been in the army for twenty eight years, could you imagine a person putting up with this army for such a long while.

Well I guess that this will be all for now, shall write again very soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter May 13, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE MAY 31 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France
13 May 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from some where here in France. I have a few moments to myself with nothing much to do so I thought I would drop you all a line. There isn't much new around here, if there were I would write you a nice long letter but as things are now, just can't do.

What is new with you all and how is everyone feeling? We have been having too much rain here to suit me but I guess in spring all over the world they have the same weather. I do not know as yet what is going to happen to this unit, back to the states or the Pacific but I hope very much that it shall be the first of the ones mentioned.

I guess that shall be all for now, it is still quite early but think I shall go to bed early for a change.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter May 14, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked MAR 16 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-Le-Duc
France
14 May 1945

Dear Folks:

Have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you all and I surely do appreciate it. First Anne to tell you about that boss of mine, I guess he is about 25 or 26 years old, is not married & and from the way he acts and talks doesn't ever have any intention of getting hitched. He is from New Orleans La and have been in the army about three years. Personally I don't care whether you start a correspondence with him or not but if I were you I wouldn't. He is sort of a short fellow wears glasses all of the while & doesn't smoke or drink. Well I guess that is enough of that.

We could not tell you a little about of travels here in the ETO. Our unit sailed from N.Y. on April 6 th, the AQUITANIA was the name of the boat & we landed in Glasgow Scotland. From there we went to Colwyn Bay, N. Wales to wait for a hospital assignment. When we got our assignment it was a very nice place in Bristol England. It was May 12 th of 44 when we got there and had to give it up approximately on August 4 th when we were called to go on to the continent. When we first hit France it was on Aug 22 and we sailed from South Hampton England that by the way is only a little way from where Ted is, Plymouth England. When we first hit France proper we were at Omaha Beach where the first assault troops landed on June 6 th. We lived out in the pasture for almost three months from August to October. St Lo, Caueutau, Cherbourg, Valoures were only a few miles away & I visited them quite often. From there we came directly here to Bar-le-Duc and have stayed here ever since. When Geo was here to see me a the time was in Verdun and as you can see it is only a few miles.

Truthfully I don't know as to whether or not I told you this before but at least it is some thing to write about and it filled these pages.

Guess this does it for now.

All my love

Your Son

Walter

Walter May 16, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE MAY 18 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
Bar-le-Duc
16 May, 1945

Dear Folks:

Well today I received a letter from Mary & one from Anne & sure do appreciate them. Things here are about the same, nothing much new to report even though the Nazi's have given up.

I was very happy to learn you had received that bracelet, lace and ash tray. There is nothing dangerous about that ash tray for all the explosives were taken out. In fact I had a patient who know a lot about ammunition take the charges out so now it is OK. Don't let anyone kid you in taking it out of the house, especially Marion, for it is not dangerous. I put in a lot of work on that thing and would like to have it when I get home so please take care of it. The base of the shell was fired in the gun which Geo helps to operate so that makes it that much more worth while keeping. About that bracelet Anne I was going to send it to Anne Guter but I don't know, I just changed my mind & sent it to you, don't ever tell her or where you got it for she will be mad at me surer than heck.

Anne I would only be too happy to send you that perfume but where am I going to get it, even when I was in Paris last Sept. I couldn't get a hold of some of that good stuff,

guess the Germans took it with them when they left & the French haven't been making any more.

As yet have not seen that picture you mentioned but still thing you are very wrong.

Guess this is all for now.

All my Love,
Your Son, Walter

Walter May 18, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked AUBURN NY MAY 31 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

France
Bar-le-Duc
18 May 1945

Dear Folks:

Nothing much new to write about but I have a few moments to spare so I thought I would drop you all al line. I am feeling fine and hope that you all are the same. The weather has been real nice lately an das a matter of fact it has been as hot as the dickens.

Am enclosing some pictures that we taken in Germany, I wasn't there but from them one can imagine how that country is beat up. I have many more pictures to send home and I shall send them a few at a time. I haven't heard from Geo now in quite a while but imagine I shall be hearing from him any day now.

Guess that this will be all for now, shall write again very soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter.

Walter May 20, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 MAY 7, 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Bar-Le-Duc, France
20 May 1945

Dear Folks:

Today I received Mary's letter which she had written on the 14 th of May and was very happy to hear from you all. There isn't very much new around here for it is still

about the same old story. The weather has been real nice today but now it looks like rain so I am staying in & writing letters. I haven't heard from Geo now in about two weeks or more, I sure wish that he would write me for I really do like to receive his letters. I see where Ted Welgoss is home now, he sure is lucky & I wish very much that I could be there too. Well I guess that this is all for now, shall write again real soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter May 29, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE MAY 31 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc, France
29 May, 1945

Dear Folks:

Just a short line to let you know that all is well with me on this side of the pond & hope that things at home are the same. There isn't much new her for it is the same old story. Have been pretty busy lately for there has been a lot of work to be done around here. The weather has been fairly nice but it has been raining too much to suit me. Received a letter from Geo last week, it was the first letter in quite a while that he sent me & I was very happy to hear from him.

I just got back from the movies a little while ago, I can't remember what was on for I came in a little late.

Guess that this does it for now, shall write again very soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 1, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 24, 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc, France
10 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

Received two letters from you today Mary's of May 31 st and Anne's of June 2 nd. The mail was again a little mixed up due to the fact that a postal unit moved out of the city, now our mail is received at Nancy. You girls must have some baseball team, I could

picture Mary playing but never Anne for she in my opinion is too fragile but who knows may be I'm wrong. I for the first time since I have been over seas had some good honest American beer and it was enjoying, by the way did I ever tell you that the English beer tasted awful and the French even worse. Even a thing like beer could be missed when one isn't in the states, these countries are so behind us that it isn't even funny.

That's all for now.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 2, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE JUN 3 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc, France
2 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

It is mighty nice once again to be receiving your mail for a time no one seemed to get any for I guess the postal system got mixed up but am now glad that once again it is straightened out. I also received a letter from Geo today, the same thing happened to his mail that is why we haven't been hearing from him. He states that all is well with him which I am sure makes us all very happy.

Never mind sending my razor, I would have had it if you would of sent it the first time I asked you , now it is too late for by the time it gets here we may be gone.

Things here are pretty much the same, oh yes we took a group picture here a few weeks ago & at present it is on its way home.

Guess that this does it for now write again soon for I shall be expecting to hear from you. .

All my Love,
Your Son
Walt.

Walter Jun 5, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE JUN 6 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France

5 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

Just a few lines to let you know that all is well out Bar-le-Duc way and hope that all is the same at home. Not much new around here for it is the same old story. I received two letters from Mary today and also the church paper. Once again our mail is flowing better, I do hope that it would stay that way but it never does. It seems like you girls are going to have quite a ball team this year, but again any thing the club sponsors always turns out good. The weather has turned for the better again and once more I am out almost every nite playing ball, no one knows as yet what is going to happen to this unit, but what ever does happen I hope it is for the best.

I certainly remember a year ago today & don't think that I shall ever forget it.

Well this does it for now, shall write again very soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 8, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE JUN 12 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France
8 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

Have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you lately. Mary has been doing the best job, in fact I get a letter from her almost every day. Well it is just a month today that Germany surrendered, to me it seems much longer than that for time passes so slowly around here. At the present time it is raining cats & dogs out. We again were supposed to play ball tonite but imagine now it shall be called off. We do not have too many patients in the hospital so consequently we are not too busy.

We now have been overseas for fourteen months, it sounds like a long time but really it doesn't seem long at all.

I haven't heard from Teddy in quite a while now but one of these days he will probably pop in the states, he has been over a little longer than I have so I do hope that he gets there for a little while any way.

Well I guess that this will be all for now but shall write again very soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 15, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 23, 1945 10-AM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc, France
15 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

Haven't received any mail from you in quite a while now, I don't know what is wrong with the mail here but it isn't just coming thru. Once again there isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. The weather has been very nice here lately and I have been playing quite a bit of baseball. The only mail that I received the past few days was a letter from Teddy and that was the one that I got today. George has been writing me quite a bit lately and from all reports all is well with him, by the way could you imagine him being near Munich: Well I guess that this will be all for now, shall write again soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 18, 1945 ...

Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE JUL 19 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France
18 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

Am sorry that I haven't written in such a long while but we have been might busy. We are going to move again but truthfully do not know where we are going. We are going to Camp Philadelphia near Reims but from there no one knows what will happen to us.

The mail situation here has been pretty bad in the last week or so for I think that no one got any mail. When you get this letter you can stop writing me until I give you my new address and about all do not send me any thing.

Well I guess this does it for now, shall write again real soon, all my Love,

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 20, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUN 27, 1945 10-AM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc, France
20 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

Just a few lines to let you know that all is well out here and hope that things there are the same. I really don't know what to write about for I just can't think of any thing to say. There is always something that could be said about the mail situation, now it has turned for the worse again for no mail has come in for any one in about 5 days. As yet no one know (still) what is going to happen to this unit, I hope very much that we hit the states but who am I too say. Well I guess closes it for now, shall write again soon.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jun 28, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL 6, 1945 10-AM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc, France
28 June, 1945

Dear Folks:

Have really been getting quite a bit of mail from you, I haven't written in a few days so I thought that best I could do to nite was to write a V-mail. Another one of George's letters reached me today and as usual things are well with him. We all are still being kept in suspense in not knowing what is going to become of us, maybe one of these days they shall let us know and truthfully that day can't come too soon for me. It would really be very nice to come home to play a little golf this summer but all I can do now is just hope for the best.

Well I guess this does it now, shall write again soon.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 1, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE JUN 12 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France
1 July, 1945

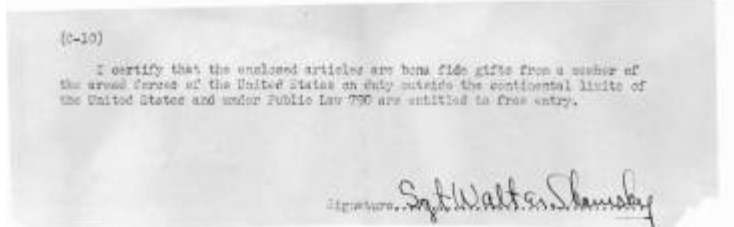
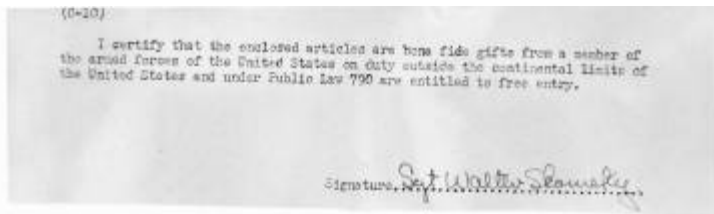
Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written sooner but you see there is so little to write about here that I just haven't bothered into any amount of writing . We still do not know what is going to happen to us but we should know any day now. Have been hearing form Geo quite frequently and all is well with him. Right now it is raining cats & dogs out & don't care if it even stops for there is so little doing around here that it isn't even funny.

Well I guess that this will be about all for now, shall write again very soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

[2 forms enclosed]



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Walter Jul 7, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE JUL 8 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Bar-le-Duc France
7 July, 1945

Dear Folks:

Sorry that I haven't written in such a long while but the weather has been so nice here that I just couldn't stay in & write letters. I have been receiving quite a bit of mail from you and appreciate it very much.

We still do not know what is going to happen to us, but we should know pretty soon. Our hospital officially was closed on the 30 th of June so all we are doing around here is just hanging around. Since we operated we handled well over 15,00 patients which isn't too bad. George writes me every now & then & from his last report all is well with him.

I am enclosing more pictures that you could put away for me. Guess this is all for now, shall write again soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

1. I CERTIFY that I have personally examined the items of captured enemy military equipment (*mailed by) (~~in the possession of~~) 1st Lt. W. Skomsky that the trophy value of such items exceeds any training, service or scrap value; that they do not include any explosives, firearms or parts of firearms; and that the (*mailing) (~~possession~~) thereof is in conformity with the provisions of Sec VIII, Cdr 217, WD, 1 Jun 1944, and the existing regulations of the theater commander.

2. The items referred to are:

German clothing material
German pocket
German ornaments

*Strike out one.

W. Skomsky
(Signature)
1st Lt. W. Skomsky
(Rank and Branch)
100 Gen Hosp
(Organization)

100 Gen Hosp
(date)

Walter Jul 18, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL , 1945 4-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM

New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France

18 July, 1945

Dear Folks:

Am very sorry that I haven't written sooner but maybe my now heading above will help straighten things out. We arrived here late this afternoon and no kidding I never saw such a barren place in all my life. There isn't any shade of any sort within 10 miles of here and how the wind does blow the dust and sand into your face. We all live in tents & that makes it much worse especially when the sun is out strong. It is time we are moving but where we are going no one knows not even my self & that is some thing.

Well folks I guess that this is enough for now but shall write again real soon.

All my love,

Your Son

Walter

[Camp Philadelphia was near Rheims, France,]

Walter Jul 20, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL 25, 1945 -PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM

New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France

20 June, 1945 [probably July]

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from somewhere in France. At the present time there isn't much new around for it is about the same old story. The weather has been hot as the dickens here & I hope very much that it cools down real soon. It has been quite a while since I last heard from Geo, our mail has been so awful lately that probably is the fault. We still do not know what is going to happen to us but I imagine we shall know pretty soon. Will I guess that this shall be all for now, shall write again real soon.

All my love,

Your Son

Walter

Walter Jul 22, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL 26, 1945 10-AM

Sgt. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM

New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
22 July, 1945

Dear Folks:

Here it is a Sunday morning and a very nice one at that, it is sort of early in the morning to be writing letters but I got the urge to write so that is just what I am doing. Quite a few of the boys are still in bed still snoring away, when they find out how early I got up they will be amazed for as a rule I am always the last one to get out of bed.

We still do not know what is going to happen to us, I hope that they let us know soon for this suspense is driving everyone insane. I haven't heard from Geo. now in quite a while, I should be getting a letter from him real soon for it has been quite a while since I last heard from him. By the way is Teddy still home, and did he use my golf clubs at any time? I hope he did for he enjoys that game pretty much himself.

Well guess this does it for now, shall write again soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 23, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL 28, 1945 12-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
23 July, 1945

Dear Folks:

Once again here I am reporting from one hell of a spot here in France. I just found out the other day that Frank Bavan was also here at this camp. I went over to see him yesterday, all is well with him excepting the fact that he found out that his outfit was going directly to the Pacific and he feels pretty badly about the whole thing and I don't blame him one bit. I know that if that happens to us we really will be getting a raw deal after spending almost a year and a half here.

The weather is still as hot has heck, the mail situation is still bac as ever in fact nothing will suit us until we find out where we are going.

Well I guess that this shall be all for now, shall write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 25, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 JUL 31, 1945 10-AM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
25 July, 1945

Dear Folks:

Have a few minutes to spare so I thought I would drop you a line. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. At the present time it is hot as heck out and I do hope that it rains or something so that it will cool down. The mail situation is as bad as ever and hope too that it shall improve very shortly. We still do not know what is going to become of us and here's hoping that we find out real soon.

Still haven't heard from Geo. but imagine I shall be hearing from him real soon. I received a letter from Al Bayus a few days ago and he really is living the life there. It seems that everyone that is in Germany is having the life, well I don't blame them for I know if I were there I would expect the same.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 27, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 1, 1945 8-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
27 July, 1945

Dear Folks:

Haven't received any mail from you all in quite a while now, I hope that I get some soon for at least then I would have something to answer for the way it is now I keep writing the same things over & over again. At the present time there isn't much doing around here and all of the fellows including myself are getting plenty of rest. They are very strict with passes here and since I have been here I haven't left this area. I personally do not have the urge to go out, all of France is the same and it [is] my opinion it wasn't worth fighting over. The weather is still as hot as the devil, I hope that it shall rain or something to cool it won but as yet we have not had any luck.

Well Folks I guess that this will be all for now, shall write again soon.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 29, 1945 ...

Air Mail Letter Postmarked US ARMY POSTAL SERVICE JUL 31 1945

Sgt. W. Skomsky 3254753
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % Postmaster
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
29 June, 1945 [probably July]

Dear Folks:

Just received Anne's letter which she had written on the 20th of this month & was indeed very happy to hear from you. There isn't much new around here and we still are waiting for our orders to move. Along with your letter I also received a letter from John Hawick and also the monthly church paper, you know I enjoy very much reading it and the one who originated it surely struck on a good idea.

I'm sorry to inform you but Mr. Noble was quite wrong about Bar-Le-Duc being a resort center, all it is is just a small town with absolutely no facilities for enjoyment. Personally I don't know where all of the people work but still they are there, it is true they do not have much but imagine as long as they exist they are satisfied. These French are the most unaggressive people I ever saw but there sure are plenty of nice mademoiselles around here.

They aren't having many movies around here so lately I haven't see too many. They do have one open air theater here somewhere in the camp but as yet haven't bothered to find it.

Well folks I guess that this shall be all for now, shall write again soon.

All my Love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Jul 29, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 3, 1945 10-AM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
29 July, 1945

Dear Folks:

Once again here I am reporting from this lovely camp here in France. All we need is several camels and am sure the atmosphere of a desert would be complete. I haven't received any mail in over a week now and believe me it is no fun just writing letters when you do not receive any.

The weather has been sort of cool in the past few days in fact I wouldn't mind if it stayed this way the rest of the time we spent here. We were supposed to have a big

inspection today, and as many of them previously have turned out the inspecting officer never showed out, oh well such is life in the army.

Well guess this is all for now but shall write again soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Aug 1, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 6, 1945 6-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM

New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France

1 August, 1945

Dear Folks:

Received tow letters from Mary today the first ones that I have received from her in quite a while. There isn't much new around here for it is the same old story, still waiting for our orders to move. The weather has been fairly cool here lately and it is much more comfortable than the first week or so that we were here. I hope very much that we get paid before long, really all were paid excepting myself and I wasn't there to sign the pay roll.

I wish that I could think of something to write about but I'll be darn if I can so I shall close for now but shall write again real soon.

Your Son

Walter

Walter Aug 3, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 4, 1945 4-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky

ASN 32547153

100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp

APO 513 % PM

New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France

3 August, 1945

Dear Folks:

Haven't received any mail in two days now, as a matter of fact not much mail came in during these days but we all are hoping that it shall improve shortly. There isn't much new here for it is the same old story and we all are getting tired of the whole thing. Captain Wolff is going to leave this outfit shortly, he got his orders yesterday and is going to go to the 3th Infantry Division, an occupational unit.

Outside of these few words there isn't much more new that I can think of to say so I shall close for now.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 6, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 11, 1945 2-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
6 August, 1945

Dear Folks:

Well I received another one of Mary's letter's today and was very happy to hear from you all. As usual there isn't much new around here for it is the same old story. We still do not know what is going to become of us, but God I hope very much that we find out pretty soon for this suspense is driving us nuts. The weather has been pretty cool lately and it is much more comfortable than it was when we first arrived here.

Guess that this shall be all for now, will write again real soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 7, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 13, 1945 4-PM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
7 August, 1945

Dear Folks:

The mail certainly got here in a hurry for the states for today I received Anne's letter of the 1st of this month. This camp by the way is just a few miles from Reims which I first visited about a year ago. Do you remember that ash tray with the cathedral on it well that is from Reims. Yes I know all about that golf tournament but didn't enter in for we were too busy with this moving of ours. Did you by the way receive that last package that I sent, I hope that you did for in it I had some clothing that I wanted pretty much

Well I guess that this does it for so shall close for now but shall write again soon.

Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 8, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 14, 1945 4-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
8 August, 1945

Dear Folks:

Have a few moments to spare so I thought I would drop you all a line. I didn't receive any mail from you all today but imagine another one of Mary's letters shall reach me tomorrow. We are still here at this camp and doing the same thing, nothing, which am sure doesn't make any one of us too mad. Say what do you all think of that new atomic bomb that they are drooping on Japan, that sure is some contraption isn't it and better than that I hope that it will make Japan give up quicker.

Well I guess that this is all for now but shall write again soon.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 13, 1945 ...

[Type written letter except the signature]

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 16, 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

CAMP PHILADELPHIA, FRANCE
13 AUGUST, 1945

DEAR FOLKS:

WELL HERE I AM AGAIN REPORTING FROM THIS WONDERFUL CAMP. I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY MAIL FROM YOU IN QUITE A WHILE BUT IMAGINE THAT SOME SHALL CATCH UP WITH ME PRETTY SOON. THERE ISN'T MUCH NEW AROUND HERE FOR IT IS THE SAME OLD STORY. THE NEWS HAS CERTAINLY BEEN GOOD LATELY HASN'T IT. WELL I ONLY HOPE THAT IT SHALL KEEP UP AND THEN IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE ALL SHALL BE GETTING OUT OF THIS ARMY

.TEDDY WROTE ME A LETTER THAT I HAD RECEIVED A FEW DAYS AGO AND I SURE WAS HAPPY TO HEAR FROM HIM. IT WAS THE FIRST LETTER THAT I HAD GOTTEN FROM HIM IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS. I GUESS THAT HE WAS TOO BUSY TO WRITE ME WHILE HE WAS HOME ON FURLO. NOW THAT THE NEWS IS SO GOOD I HOPE THAT THEY SHALL TELL US WHAT IN THE DEVIL THEY ARE GOING TO DO WITH US BUT AS YET NOTHING HAS BEEN SAID.

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS THAT I HAD RECEIVED THE LAST LETTER FROM GEORGE BUT I DO KNOW THAT IT WAS QUITE A WHILE AGO. THE LAST TIME THAT HE WROTE ME HE WAS NEAR MUNICH BUT NOW IMAGINE THA HIS OUTFIT HAS MOVED AGAIN, YOU KNOW HIS UNIT IS THE MOVINGIST UNIT I EVER SAW. THE WEATHER HERE HAS CERTAINLY TAKE A CHANGE, FOR NOW IN THE PAST THREE DAYS ALL IT HAS BEEN DOING IS RAINING. THE MUD IS PRACTICALLY ANKLE DEEP AND ALL THAT HAT USED TO BE SAND IS NOW NICE GOOEY MUD. BY THE WAY DID I TELL THAT OUR SUPPLY OFFICER, CAPTAIN WOLFF LEFT THIS ORGANIZATION ABOUT A WEEK AGO. WE WENT TO THE 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION WHICH WAS IN GERMANY SOMEWHERE, AS YET WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM BUT IMAGINE THAT WE SHALL GET A LETTER FROM HIM REAL SOON.

YOU KNOW THIS PLACE IS ABOUT THE DEADEST CAMP THAT I HAVE EVER BEEN IN. THEY DO NOT HAVE ONE SOLITARY THING WITH WHICH TO ENJOY YOURSELF AND ALL MOST OF THE FELLOW DO IS SLEEP AND JUST TAKE IT EASY. OF COURSE DON'T TAKE THIS WRONG WE ALL LIKE TO TAKE IT EASY BUT AFTER A WHILE IT DOES GET SORT OF MONOTINOUS. I GUESS ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL TAKE A TRIP INTO THE CITY OF REIMS AND SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING THERE. IT HAS REALLY BEEN A LONG WHILE SINCE I HAVE BEEN THERE, NOW LET ME SEE I THINK THAT IT WAS THE SEPTEMBER OF 44 THAT I WAS LAST THERE.

YOU KNOW I NEVER REALIZED JUST HOW MUCH ONE HAS TO THINK OF TO SAY N ORDER TO FILL UP A V-MAIL, THAT IS A TYPED ONE, I'LL BE DARNED IF I CAN THING OF ANY MORE TO SAY, SO I GUESS THAT I SHALL CLOSE FOR NOW.

ALL MY LOVE,
YOUR SON,
Walter

Walter Aug 13, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 18, 1945 10-AM
Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Philadelphia, France
13 August, 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am reporting once again from this wonderful and enjoying camp. Personally I wouldn't let my worst enemy exist like we are at the present time but what can we do? ! - ? The war news most certainly has been good the past week or so hasn't it, well this army life is no good for any one and the sooner that I get out the happier I shall be.

I haven't heard from Geo. once since we have been here and truthfully I can't understand why, oh well I guess he is having too good of a time in Germany.

Guess this does it for now, will write again real soon.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter

Walter Aug 16, 1945 ...

V-mail Postmarked U.S. Postal Service No. 1 AUG 22, 1945 8-PM

Sgt. W. Skomsky
ASN 32547153
100th (U.S.) Gen Hosp
APO 513 % PM
New York, New York

Camp Wings, Le Havre, France
16 August, 1945

Dear Folks:

Well here I am again reporting from not Camp Philadelphia but from Camp Wings, Le Havre France. We arrived here yesterday, Tuesday after approximately a 18 hour train ride from Reims. This camp is very much nicer than the one we were formally at. We still live in tents this time it is eight men to a tent and really very much more comfortable. There is an airport very close to here and really all one sees all day is planes landing and taking off.

We heard of the Japanese surrender while we were on the train and never did I see such a happy bunch of fellow in all my life. We all have waited a long while for this day to come now our only problem is getting home and then getting out of this wonderful army. Well I guess that this shall be all for now but shall write again soon.

All my love,
Your Son
Walter